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German Claims

TEN thousand Allied prisoners are claimed captured in Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-offensive, according to yesterday's German communiqué. A German High Command report last night summarised the first four days' fighting as follows:—

Saturday and Sunday—Very bitter, and, for the enemy, very costly break-through battles.

Monday—Allied tactical reserves attempted to hold the German armour which was pushing on through the gaps in the American lines. They failed, however, to stand up to the heavy pressure, and were thrown back.

Tuesday—The German troops, smashing through hastily-assembled Allied assault groups, gained further ground.—(Reuter.)

RUSSIAN DRIVE FOR SLOVAK KEY TOWN

SOVIET pincer tactics are succeeding in the drive on the important Slovak rail centre of Kosice, Reuter's special correspondent cabled from Moscow last night.

After a frontal assault on the east was temporarily baulked, the Red Army switched to a multiple-pronged movement, and are closing in on the town from the east, south and almost due west. Paris Radio broadcast last night the fall of Kosice.

Russian guns, it is stated, are shelling the German fortifications on the outskirts of the town.

The Red Army's advance continues to make good headway in face of stiff enemy resistance on the Michalovce-Kosice highway, Moscow radio stated last night. This took the form of more than 60 counter-attacks with forces ranging from a battalion to a regiment and supported by armour and self-propelled guns.

All along the rest of the Czecho-slovak front Russian spearheads are pressing towards the northern end of the German Ipel River line, the first obstacle on the way to Vienna.

Last night's Soviet communiqué said: "During December 20th, north-west of Miskolc, our troops continued their offensive and captured a number of inhabited localities. During December 19th our troops captured on this sector 1,000 Germans and Hungarians. There have been no substantial changes on other sectors of the front. Places captured north-west of Miskolc included the town and railway station of Rima-Szecs in Czechoslovakia, 30 miles beyond Miskolc and 28 miles due east of Losoncz on a railway joining the two towns."

DUBLIN—CORK MAIL TRAIN DERAILED

CRASHING into a cattle train four miles on the Dublin side of Maryborough last night, the mail train from Dublin to Cork was thrown off the rails, and five people, most of them post office workers, were injured.

Two men, whose identity had not been established early this morning, were pinned under the wreckage, and at 3.30 a.m. attempts were still being made to rescue them. They are believed to be seriously injured.

Ambulances and doctors are standing by to take them to the County Hospital at Maryborough. The guard on the cattle train, Patrick Ferreter, Thurles, was slightly injured and he was taken to the hospital.

Ten or fifteen wagons were derailed, and the van where the post office men were working was thrown on its side.

New Trial for Lehman

THE Court of Criminal Appeal consisting of the President of the High Court, Mr. Justice Geoghegan and Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy yesterday quashed the conviction of James Herbert Lehman, Canadian ex-soldier, for the murder of his wife, Margaret, by poisoning, at 11 Leinster road, Rathmines, Dublin, on March 19th last and directed a re-trial.

Lehman had asked for leave to appeal from his conviction, at the Central Criminal Court, on the ground that he had been cross-examined about his character in a manner contrary to the provisions of the Criminal Justice (Evidence) Act, 1924, and that the trial judge had not adequately put the case for the defence to the jury.

The reserved judgment of the Court, given by the President, was contained in a few sentences and occupied a minute in delivery.

The President said that in the opinion of the Court the questions in cross-examination, which had been objected to by Lehman were irrelevant to any issue in the case and tended in the eyes of the jury to prejudice Lehman, who had done nothing to deprive himself of the protection of the Criminal Justice (Evidence) Act.

Having carefully considered the entire transcript of evidence, the Court was not able to say that if the inadmissible questions had been omitted, a reasonable jury, after a proper summing-up, must have convicted. Accordingly, the conviction must be reversed, and in the opinion of the Court there should be a re-trial.

Lehman was present when the judgment was delivered, and Mr. E. J. Garland, Secretary to the High Commissioner for Canada, was also in court.

Mr. Charles Casey, S.C., and Mr. Desmond Bell (instructed by Mr. Michael Noyk) appeared for Lehman, and Mr. G. D. Murnaghan, S.C., and Mr. Felix Sherry (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) for the Attorney-General.

Pope Sees Myron Taylor.—Vatican Radio announced last night that the Pope yesterday received Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's Personal Representative, in private audience.—(Reuter.)

French Debate On Pact With Russia

AS the French Consultative Assembly prepared last night to open a public debate on the Franco-Soviet alliance authoritative reports said that the Moscow Conferences had agreed on mutual support for projected amputations of German territory, both in the East and the West, in the eventual peace settlements.

According to members who heard the report of the Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, in the closed session of the Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday, France consented to the retracing of the Soviet-Polish frontier along the Curzon Line, giving Poland the German territory up to the Oder to compensate for the losses in the East. Russia in turn promised to support French claims in the Rhineland and the Ruhr industrial basin.

France agreed to urge the Poles to accept the Curzon Line as the new boundary with the Soviet.


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American Counter-measures

GERMANS HELD AT SEVERAL POINTS

[Reuter, A.P. and P.A. Reports.]

MESSAGES from the 1st Army front last night indicated that the German counter-offensive had been held at several points, following a day of heavy fighting, in which the Americans threw in masses of tanks and infantry.

Monschau, the "key" city marking the northern limit of the Germans' ferocious five-day onslaught into Belgium, has been recaptured. To the south, American resistance has considerably stiffened around Malmédy and Stavelot, roughly 20 miles west of the Reich border.

At several points the Germans, despite their prodigal use of men and armour, made no progress. This news followed the disclosure that in the first 52 hours of their big push the Germans had hammered in deep wedges pointed at Liège and Luxembourg.

An A.P. message from Allied H.Q. in Paris reported last night that German spearheads had penetrated more deeply into Belgium. These were stopped by vicious tank-infantry resistance.

A Washington message stated that U.S. military experts believed that the German counter-offensive would soon be under control.

A Berlin military spokesman commented: "The German Command has not been taken by surprise by the Allied counter-measures. The German plan made provision for such counter-action."

A New York broadcast last night stated:—"All late front reports state that Rundstedt's offensive has been considerably blunted."

American troops have recaptured Monschau, in Germany, and checked the initial impetus of the powerful German counter-offensive, which bit more than 20 miles deep into Belgium.

Heavy battles are still going on around Stavelot (20 miles inside Belgium), St. Vith, 11 miles to the south-east, and Malmédy, five miles north-east of Stavelot.

Stavelot and St. Vith were last reported still in American hands. Backed by anti-tank guns, the Americans yesterday repulsed four heavy attacks, as the Germans tried, with both armour and infantry, to force their way into Stavelot.

An A.P. correspondent with the 1st Army wrote:—One of the four headlong German thrusts into Belgium and Luxembourg was officially reported yesterday to have been checked short of St. Vith. The situation continued serious, while the Germans continued to build up power behind their thrusts. More and more forces are being thrown into the battles on both sides, and roads behind the Allied lines are packed with armour, guns, and lorries moving up to the front to smash the German advance.

Reuter's Special Correspondent wrote yesterday from Allied Supreme Headquarters:—

The Germans have thrown in all they have. The position is not grave, and will not affect the course of the war, but it is probable that it may delay its end. Rundstedt's panzers and infantry, in the first 52 hours of their offensive, hammered in deep wedges pointing towards the vital towns of Liege and Luxembourg.

The object of the German offensive is stated to be to penetrate the American lines, draw off the strength of the armies poised to attack on the Roer, and to play for time. It looks as if the German Command has had a degree of success.

Reuter's Special Correspondent with the U.S. 1st Army wrote last night:—

General Hodges's army is not, and has not, been in retreat. Where break-throughs have occurred they have gone over the American troops, but none have fallen back. A major German penetration has been made in the Eifel Forest, the eastern extension of the Ardennes. Some American troops have been surrounded, the penetration of the American lines being to a depth of between 18 and 20 miles.

The deepest German penetration, of about 20 miles, in the Stavelot area, has been met and contained by well organised American forces. The U.S. troops are using "bazookas" to stop the German Royal Tiger tanks.

German troops are still being thrown into the battle, but in general the American line was held, with the exception of the German armoured columns which broke through and were last reported running behind the lines against only light American forces.

Large numbers of American troops are fighting in small units in small towns along the German-Belgian border and in the forests of Monschau, where the break-through came. They have fairly adequate supplies of most things but food.

In the middle of the biggest German counter-offensive since D-day, the briefing of Allied war correspondents at Supreme Headquarters was cancelled yesterday because there was no news. It was the first time such a thing had happened since Allied Supreme Headquarters began to function.

A message received this morning from Allied Headquarters stated:—Von Rundstedt's offensive is still raging and mounting in fury. Between thirteen and fifteen German divisions have been hurled into the battle—five or six of them Panzers, the rest *Volksgrenadier*.



Von Rundstedt May Threaten Third Army

A REUTER message from Washington last night stated that U.S. military experts considered that Marshal von Rundstedt's plan had the choice between a sweep towards Antwerp or turning south-east short of the Ardennes gap behind the American 3rd Army lines.

It is believed by these experts that the success of this latter development would be extremely serious and would necessitate the American 3rd Army wheeling on its own flank and upset the Allied calculations right down to the south. The feeling, however, is that Rundstedt will have his movement restricted and be unable to turn.

Brussels radio reported last night: "The German thrust from the Monschau region towards Liege, which was the most dangerous of all, has been neutralised and resistance against the enemy who crossed into Belgium is stiffening hourly. Considerable reinforcements are constantly streaming towards the fighting zone."

An A.P. message from the 1st Army front stated:—American troops trying to stem von Rundstedt's break-through are suffering a big battle price in men and materials of war, but they are making the Germans pay a high cost in blood and munitions for their great Western front advance. Along one sector of the front the German advance was stemmed and broken yesterday morning when the Germans launched a series of violent attacks at points on a 20-mile front.

Sforza Declines Post In U.S.A.

Count Sforza, in a personal letter to Signor Ivanoe Bonomi, the Italian Premier, yesterday, declined the post of Italian representative in the United States.

Sforza travelled from the United States to become a Minister without Portfolio in the Badoglio Government, and later occupied the same office, together with that of President of the Purge Commission in Signor Bonomi's first Cabinet. He holds no post in the new Italian Administration

In the House of Commons on December 8th, Mr. Churchill denied charges that Great Britain had vetoed his appointment as Foreign Minister in Bonomi's new Government.—(Reuter.)

In the course of his letter, Sforza wrote that he would greatly regret if his arrival in the United States gave rise, contrary to his desire, to new dissensions.

"I wish to make clear to all," the letter said, "that I still stand for a fruiful understanding between Italy and the two great English-speaking democracies, as I did when this cost me dearly."

Minister Disagrees With Churches

At a meeting in Belfast yesterday of the Joint Standing Committee of the Board of Education of the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church, it was reported that those in consultation with the Ministry of Education had failed to arrive at an agreement, owing to the Minister's refusal to accept the recommendations contained in the resolutions adopted by the several Boards of Education. It was decided not to issue any statement on the White Paper at this stage, but to request that a special meeting of the respective Boards of Education be called at the earliest convenient date to decide what action should be taken.

Speaking at the annual prize-giving in St. Jude's Public Elementary School, Belfast, the Rev. James Quinn, Chancellor of Down, said that the Churches had asked that religious education should be provided in secondary schools. As a preliminary to the granting of this concession, the Minister had insisted that representatives of the Churches should first agree to the repeal of the provisions for religious education which now obtained in public elementary schools and the undoing of the settlement effected by the Act of 1930. That was something they could not possibly concede.


Caryl Beckwith, New York City's only woman weather expert, raises storm flags from the roof of the Weather Bureau as guidance to seamen and city dwellers. Miss Beckwith, a former high school teacher, performs the routine duties of a weather prophet, and broadcasts her observations each morning.

SHARP INCREASE IN CRIME

A VERY serious increase in criminal proceedings, in marked contrast to the decline in civil business since the war's outbreak, is disclosed in the Statistical Abstract for 1944 just published. Indictable offences, in particular, it states, have increased remarkably, reaching a total of 17,213 in 1942, as compared with 13,180 in 1941, and 9,014 in 1940. The increase was virtually confined to offences against property, larcenies especially showing remarkable increases.

The Abstract also reveals a further increase in juvenile delinquency, numbers charged totalling 3,385 in 1943, as compared with 3,350 in 1942, 2,562 in 1941, and 1,806 in 1940. But whereas male delinquents showed a decline in 1943, a very sharp increase occurred in the case of females of all ages. The relevant figures were:—Males: 1943, 2,880; 1942, 2,917. Females: 1943, 505; 1942, 433. Lack of parental control continued to be a dominating circumstance attending juvenile delinquency, this factor attending 45 per cent. of the total cases in 1943, as compared with 40 per cent. in 1942.

A remarkable feature was that the majority of juvenile offenders were from families of six persons or over, this fact obviously being correlated with lack of parental control as a circumstance attending delinquency. Over one half the offenders resided in houses of more than three rooms, the number living in tenements being comparatively small.

Other figures culled at random from the mass of detail in the Abstract show that of 775 prosecutions for Rationing Orders offences in 1943, 618 convictions were obtained; that for breaches of Price Control Orders there were 517 cases and 371 convictions; that out of 472 persons prosecuted for Travel Permit offences 348 were convicted.

In 1942-43 there were 170,818 wireless licences issued, compared with 175,576 in 1941-42 and 183,678 in 1940-41. The number of licences issued represented 57 per 1,000 of the population and 17 persons per licence.

A sharp drop in the number of people leaving Eire is shown in the figures for 1943 and 1942, which, respectively, were 37,396 and 53,335.

The number of illegitimate births shows a progressive increase since the outbreak of the war, the figures from 1939 to 1943 being 1,781, 1,824, 1,975, 2,419 and 2,432.

The abstract follows, in the main, the plan adopted in previous issues, giving up-to-date information on subjects which include meteorology, population, agriculture and fisheries, trade, social statistics, education, justice and crime, finance and transport, and communications. Certain new features have been included. One of these, dealing with the expectation of life in urban areas, enables comparison to be made with similar figures for the whole of Eire.

New Church For Cork

Through the generosity of Mr. William Dwyer, T.D., founder and joint managing director Sunbeam-Wolsey, Ltd., the suburb of Blackpool, where the Sunbeam-Wolsey factory is situated, will soon have a new Catholic Church, accommodating over 1,000 people. It will replace on the same site the Church of St. Nicholas, and, like that, will be a chapel of ease attached to the Cathedral parish. It will be double the size of the old building, which has just been demolished after serving the needs of the locality since 1895.

M.P.s Want Censorship Removed

A motion urging greatly increased shipping facilities between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the relaxation of the rules governing travel permits, and the abolition of the censorship on correspondence originating in Great Britain has been tabled in the House of Commons by Sir Hugh O'Neill (Unionist) and nine other M.Ps.

Rioting In Egypt Reported

According to the French Radio, serious riots have occurred in the Nile region of Keneh, in Upper Egypt, about 30 miles north-east of Luxor. The Egyptian Government has sent police forces to the spot, and the Prefect has been dismissed, added the report.—(Reuter.)

Merle Oberon has announced that she will file a petition for divorce from Sir Alexander Korda.—(Reuter.)

Mr. de Valera Not To Broadcast

Mr. de Valera will not broadcast on Christmas Day. Before the war he used to broadcast a message to the Irish in America and at home, but since the war he has addressed his message only to the people at home.


M. Fernand Justice, Counsellor to the Belgian Legation, with Christmas decorations in Grafton st., Dublin.

Court Sequel To Shooting Of Sergeant

VOLUNTEER DENIS DALY, of the Military Post, Bantry, appeared at a Special Court, held by District Justice D. B. Sullivan, in the Military Hospital, Collins Barracks, Cork, yesterday, charged with attempting to murder Sergeant John Sweeney, who was shot when approaching a sentry at Bantry Military Post.

The only witness was Sergeant Sweeney, whose head was heavily bandaged, the bullet having entered by his left eye and passed through, leaving an exit wound.

Sergeant Sweeney said that he left a public-house at midnight, having had eight drinks. He was sober. When halted by the sentry he replied, and the sentry said: "Advance to be recognised," and witness did so. The proper procedure would have been for the sentry to halt witness again, but the sentry, Volunteer Daly, did not carry out the regulations properly. The witness spoke to him about it, and Daly replied: "What can you do about it, anyway?" The witness said he would let him see what he (witness) could do about it.

The witness then went to the guardroom, and gave instructions for the accused man to be relieved on his post as sentry. Corporal Joy and the new sentry went to where the accused man was, and the witness followed. The old and the new sentries exchanged orders, and witness heard Corporal Joy say: "Sentries pass," which was the order for the change. Immediately after the witness heard an explosion, and felt himself falling.

In cross-examination, the witness said that he and the accused man were always on friendly terms. Asked would he agree that he was slightly intoxicated, the witness said that he had seven or eight drinks, all stout, but knew what he was doing. The witness was not sure whether the accused man explained his failure to halt witness a second time by saying that he knew witness's voice.

In reply to another question, the witness said that the guardroom door was low, and a rifle might hit the top of it.

The accused man was remanded in custody.

Statement On Farm Wages To-day

Agricultural produce prices and the wages of farm labourers will be the subject of a joint statement to be issued to-day by Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, and the National Agricultural Association. The matters were discussed fully yesterday at Government Buildings by the Minister and a deputation from the Association.

Mr. P. Belton, who led the deputation, said that the Association was in favour of the Government fixing the rate of wages, but he thought that the scales should be binding on the workers as well as on the farmers. If working hours were reduced below 54 per week, Irish agriculture could not compete with that of other countries.

Other members of the deputation were: Messrs. J. White, D. W. Phibbs, B. Clarke, P. J. Kettle and V. Wilson.

World Briefs

Oxford's First Woman Professor—Dr. Ida Mann, Fellow of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, and senior surgeon at Oxford Eye Hospital, will become the University's first woman professor, under a decree to be promoted on January 23rd. She will hold the title so long as she remains the Margaret Ogilvie Reader in Ophthalmology.

Lost Liners.—The loss of five P. and O. liners, which were sunk by German action during the Allied landings in North Africa, and the successful campaign in the Mediterranean, was disclosed by Mr. A. O. Long, deputy chairman of the company, at the annual meeting yesterday.

"Not Practical."—Sir Archibald Sinclair, British Secretary for Air, stated, in the House of Commons yesterday, that, while there was a regular system of giving instructions to airmen to avoid damage to historic buildings where possible, "frankly it is not practical in attacking German targets." Miss Rathbone (Ind.) asked why, and Sir Archibald said: "Because we are attacking the German war industries and transport on a large scale, and it would be humbug for me to come to the House and say ——." The rest of the sentence was lost in cheering.

Leyte Battle In Final Stage

The battle for Leyte Island, in the Philippines, is rapidly nearing its end, according to yesterday's communiqué issued from General MacArthur's H.Q.

The Japanese Yamashita defence line has been destroyed. Huge quantities of Japanese supplies have been captured.—(Reuter.)

Britain's Aim In Greece

To End Conflict Quickly

MR. EDEN, Foreign Secretary, assured the British Parliament last night that the Government would use all means at their disposal to end the Greek conflict as quickly as possible.

Winding up the debate on Greece, he declared that Britain sought nothing for herself—neither strategic advantage nor economic advantage. They went into Greece only to bring food and supplies.

The population of one and a half to two million people in Athens were faced with a serious threat of starvation and disease, he said.

As to the decision to go into Greece, Mr. Eden said: "I do not know what other decision we could have taken in the circumstances. We knew there were risks, but I still think that the decision was right. Before we took that decision we did consult our U.S.A. allies. We did go there with their agreement. We did tell our decision also to our Soviet ally and they also approved that decision.

"The only criticism that could have been made is that we ought to have brought contingents of the others with us as well. The Government, I say quite frankly, did not foresee matters would turn out as they have done, and in a fashion all of us deeply deplore.

"For reasons of operational security, we did not, before we went to Greece, describe in detail all our plans and intentions even to our Greek Allies. We were unable to describe our plans, because we did not want to reveal our military plans. But, as we drew near the date on which we did enter Greece, we did tell them of our plans to some extent, and invited their collaboration in respect of the guerilla bands in Greece.

"The two leaders, General Saraphis, of E.L.A.S., and General Zervas, of E.D.E.S., were invited to come to Caserta to meet the Supreme Commander, and there was drawn up an agreed formula between them, known as the Caserta Agreement. It was agreed by M. Papandreou, as Prime Minister of the Government of all the parties, in the presence of the E.A.M. leaders, and signed by General Saraphis and General Zervas at a conference presided over by the Supreme Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, and by the Greek guerilla leaders."

SEEK NOTHING

Mr. Eden continued: "What was our purpose in going to Greece? We seek nothing for ourselves in Greece, neither strategic advantage nor economic advantage, nor any other advantage of that kind at all. In this action we are taking we have no ulterior motive whatever. We took this action only to bring food and supplies to Greece, because we knew the position Greece would find herself in.

"If we could not get food in there was no chance of the Greek people escaping starvation or of their industries being restarted.

"Those are the reasons why we went into Greece. No one can complain of that. We knew the risks because of the disturbed conditions.

"If we had not done this there would have been certain mass starvation all over Greece, and we would have been asked why we did not do something to help our Allies. U.N.R.R.A. was coming in, but now, unfortunately, had to pull out."

Mr. Eden then gave figures of one week's supply ending November 24th as an indication of what the British Government had done in Greece in the way of providing food and supplies. They had unloaded in that week in the Piræus alone over 20,000 tons of food, and at other places a total of nearly another 20,000 tons. They delivered in all regions in the same week clothing and footwear, including supplies of 30,000 pieces, 24,000 pieces, 21,000 and 14,000. One of the greatest problems of Greece was a lack of clothing and boots.

Turning to the matter of terms for an armistice, he said: "What is the position? E.L.A.S. forces undertook to obey General Scobie's orders as agreed. He has asked that E.L.A.S. supporters in Athens and the Piræus must cease resistance and hand in their arms. It is limited to that area. I fear that is the minimum which must be there.

REFUSED AID

"I ought to tell the House in fairness that General Scobie some little time ago refused assistance offered him by a Right Wing organisation against E.L.A.S. General Scobie said that these men offered to join with our forces against E.L.A.S., and he had refused and disarmed them. We desire that all should lay down their arms.

We are not trying to impose a Right Wing or a Left Wing Government.

"All we wish is that the ship should be on an even keel. We wish that arms should be laid down, and we are against reprisals by one side or the other after this event is over, and we shall do everything we can to stop them."

Mr. Eden then read the actual Reuter's message which Mr. Bevan had said was to the effect that indiscriminate bombardment was going to be opened on Athens.

"Guns have for some time been firing at the centre of Athens," added Mr. Eden. "General Scobie now says he will attack them, and he warns the civilian population to get out of the way of the guns. I do not think that is at all the picture which Mr. Bevan gave.

"I must say, in justice to our commanders, that I am absolutely convinced that they used every possible means they could to avoid unnecessary loss of life, and that they have probably done so at considerable cost to themselves in this operation."

The British Government was not against a Regency in Greece. It was, in fact, the British Ambassador in Athens who first suggested the Regency. "As I understand the position," he said, "the King feels that before he can make a decision on a matter of this kind he must get recommendations from the leaders of the parties in Greece. The King, naturally, will be guided by the advice of his Ministers. If this is the desire in Athens, then the expression of the desire can come back to the King."

Mr. James Griffiths (Labour Llanelly)—Will the British Government advise the King not to stand in the way of a Regency?

Mr. Eden—We are not opposed to a Regency. I think the Greeks themselves and the leaders of the political parties have a right to express their own opinion and should express it to the King. Then the King will take his decision on their advice.

"Apart from the tragic loss of life, we must bring the conflict to an end, because otherwise we cannot get supplies in and there will be the tragedy of starvation," said Mr. Eden. "With the help of the Red Cross some supplies have been sent, but they are pitifully small. The population of 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 in Athens are faced with a serious threat of starvation and disease. Most of the Greeks are in great need of supplies, which cannot reach them because of the disturbed conditions.

UNHAPPY PHASE

"We shall use all means at our disposal to try to bring this conflict to an end and to ensure that this conflict is not made the excuse for a lasting vendetta, either of the Right against the Left or the Left against the Right when the conflict is over. Our aim is to maintain law and order, to establish a Greek Government broadly representative of all opinion in Greece, including E.A.M., and to enable that Government to establish its authority in all Greece.

"We wish to bring our troops away as soon as practicably possible. We only ask that order shall be established so that the people shall be fed with supplies, for the greater part of which we collected with great pains.

"This is an unhappy phase in Anglo-Greek relations. For more than 100 years our nations have been friends, though there have been incidents from time to time.

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Allies One Mile Beyond Faenza

EIGHTH Army troops, advancing slowly north from Faenza, have cleared all German resistance in the village of San Rocco, a mile beyond the northern outskirts of the town, states Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied H.Q.

Allied forces now hold the whole of the Bologna Railway line between the outflanked German positions on the Lamone River, almost as far as the Senio, the next water barrier on the road to Bologna. Eighth Army men are already in close contact with the Germans on a broad front south of the Rimini-Bologna highway.

Karl Praegner, Military Correspondent of the German News Agency, reported last night that Canadian troops of the Eighth Army had launched a major attack from Faenza northwards on Tuesday night, and had penetrated the main German lines at several points. He claimed that all gaps in the German line had been sealed off yesterday morning, and a break-through into Lombardy prevented.—(Reuter.).

Northern Premier's Health

Sir Basil Brooke, the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, and Lady Brooke, both of whom are under medical treatment, were reported yesterday to be progressing very well. Sir Basil hopes to resume his duties early in the new year.

PROGRESS BY SCOBIE IN ATHENS

Insurgents Take R.A.F. H.Q.

GENERAL SCOBIE, British G.O.C. in Greece, in his communiqué, quoted by Reuter last night, said that there had been no further developments in Athens and the Piræus, where his troops are still making progress in clearing up centres of insurgent resistance astride the Athens-Phaleron road.

The garrison stationed at Volos, he said, had been evacuated without incident, and the situation at Sa Donika and Patros remains unchanged.

The capture of an R.A.F. headquarters in the hillside resort of Kifissia, ten miles north-east of Athens, was described by Reuter's correspondent in Athens last night. The capture was made by guerillas after a fight which lasted throughout Monday and far into the night. A British armoured column brought a number of R.A.F. officers and Army personnel back to Athens, including some R.A.F. Staff officers.

It is stated that Air Commodore G. W. Tuttle, Air Officer Commanding in Greece, had recently moved his advanced headquarters into Athens, and that the buildings attacked were the rear headquarters. Continuance of air operations has not been affected by the attack.

About 1,000 guerillas attacked the headquarters. The garrison, which numbered more than 350 men, included 250 Air Headquarters personnel, as well as units of the R.A.F. Regiment. Some R.A.F. Staff officers are not yet accounted for.

ARMED WOMEN

Fully-armed women, boys and girls attacked the headquarters, but most of the insurgent force was composed of real mountain guerillas. The attackers shot their way into villas, the defenders of which—armed only with pistols, rifles and machine-guns—held out all day on Monday. After dark the guerillas closed in on the buildings, which they had been mortaring from a range of less than 200 yards. The final assault came after they had dynamited the walls of the Cecil Hotel. By this time the defenders had practically run out of ammunition.

The garrison's last wireless message was received in Athens just before midnight on Monday, and the defenders were overcome just before the dawn.

An armoured column rushed from Athens at first light on Tuesday, arrived at Kifissia in time to pick up a number of Britishers who managed to escape. The relief force found that the E.L.A.S. had withdrawn from the buildings, and they combed the ruins for wounded, who were brought back to the capital.

The fate of the remainder of the garrison is unknown.

A British air communiqué in Athens last night said that some personnel that had been captured were rescued by a relief column. Casualties in dead and wounded are believed to have been light. Some personnel are missing, and are believed to be prisoners of E.L.A.S.

PRISON FIRE DEATHS

According to Reuter's special correspondent in Athens, as many as 105 women political prisoners who have been missing since Tuesday may, it is feared, have perished in the fire which broke out in their block in the Averoff prison in Athens after E.L.A.S. troops dynamited the walls. A British para-troop captain, who commanded the small British force which assisted Greek police in repulsing the attack on Monday night, said yesterday that his order to open all cells could not be communicated to the women's block which was then isolated by E.L.A.S. forces.

He and his men were forced back to their rooms after five hours' bitter fighting, which began at 2 p.m. on Tuesday. In the last stages some of the prisoners were armed with rifles belonging to wounded policemen. E.L.A.S. forces withdrew when tanks appeared on the scene in daylight.



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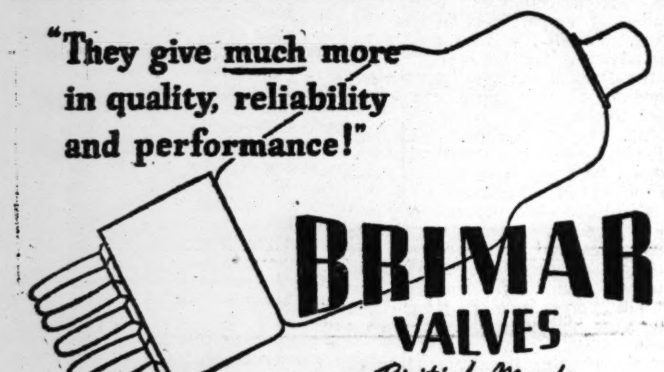
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NINE-GOAL TEAMS MEET ON SUNDAY

THERE will be plenty to interest soccer followers over the Christmas holidays. The League of Ireland holds the stage on Saturday and Sunday, there are two charity matches on Christmas Day, and St. Stephen's Day brings the Leinster Senior Cup final. The full list is as follows:—

League of Ireland.—Saturday—Bohemians v. Drumcondra, Dalymount Park. Sunday—Brideville v. Dundalk; Shelbourne v. Shamrock Rovers, Milltown; Cork United v. Limerick, The Mardyke.

Charity Matches.—Christmas Day—Dublin XI. v. Eastern Command, Tolka Park, 12.0; Old Timers v. 26th Infantry, Milltown, 12.30.

Leinster Senior Cup Final.—St. Stephen's Day—Drumcondra v. Shelbourne, Dalymount Park, 3.30.

Foley Benefit Match.—December 27th—Cork United v. Munster Selected, Cork.

In the League, great interest will centre round the Cork-Limerick match, in view of each team having scored nine goals last week. Limerick are a good team this season, despite the fact that they have lapsed badly a couple of times, but they will scarcely avoid defeat at the Mardyke, where Cork's record is exceptionally good. Cork's display last Saturday was that of a team completely sound in attack and defence, and they should garner a further two points, though not without a fight.

A WIN FOR ROVERS?

The Shelbourne-Rovers affair on Sunday should be interesting, for Rovers have shown an improvement in form in the last two weeks, while Shelbourne have fallen from the heights of their Shield form. No doubt, Shelbourne will endeavour to conserve their energy as far as possible for their important match on Tuesday, and Rovers should maintain their 100 per cent. League record.

The two teams which were at the wrong end in last week's nine-goal matches—Brideville and Dundalk—meet at Tolka Park on Sunday, and the home team seems the more likely to gather some consolation for their débâcle.

Saturday's game at Dalymount Park brings together Bohemians and Drumcondra. Neither team has shown form over which one might enthuse, especially as far as the forwards are concerned, and goals may not be plentiful. Home advantage may enable Bohemians to advance in the table.

There are not many outdoor entertainments available on Christmas Day, and so soccer followers will be doing both themselves and charity a good turn if they go to one of the two matches listed for the cause.

THE CUP FINAL

The chief attraction of the holiday season—in point of importance, at any rate—is the final of the Leinster Senior Cup at Dalymount Park on Tuesday. Drumcondra and Shelbourne have already met twice this season. In the City Cup, Shelbourne won 2-1 at Tolka Park, and the Shield result at Ringsend was a scoreless draw.

While Shelbourne's forwards have been poor lately, one has the impression that it is a more temporary poorness than that from which Drumcondra's front line suffers; and an examination of the rest of the two teams works out in Shelbourne's favour. Drumcondra will fight hard to hold the cup, the only reward they gained last year, but Shelbourne must be fancied more to place it beside this year's Shield.

On Wednesday, Cork United will play a Munster selected team at The Mardyke for the Foley benefit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The "Irish Field" will be published to-morrow (Friday) instead of Saturday.

How Teams Stand in the Hockey Tables

AT the half-way stage of the hockey season, the Senior League is providing much the closest struggle of the six Leinster competitions. In the top division there is a triple tie for the lead, with Railway Union having a match in hand over Three Rock Rovers and Y.M.C.A.

The holders of the Middle League, Y.M.C.A. II, have a strong advantage over all the other teams in Section "A," except Railway Union II, who, with three fewer matches played, are seven points behind, and, like the leaders, they are still unbeaten. Other sides who have still to meet with defeat are Grangegorman, in Middle "B," Clontarf I in Intermediate "A," and Railway Union IV in Junior.

Two recent withdrawals are announced—Glenanne II from Intermediate and Postal Services III from Junior.

The Railway Union Club is having a remarkable season. Three of their four teams are at the head of their sections, and the 2nd XI., as remarked, is unbeaten. Altogether, their four teams have lost only four matches.

LEAGUE TABLES

SENIOR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Railway Union I	10	7	2	1	24	11	16
Y.M.C.A.	11	7	2	2	24	10	16
Three Rock Rovers	11	7	2	2	27	17	16
Dublin University	10	6	1	3	23	16	13
Pembroke Wanderers	11	6	1	4	31	19	13
Dalkey	10	5	1	4	14	20	11
Corinthians	10	4	3	3	16	14	11
St. James's Gate	11	2	1	8	10	26	5
Avoca	10	2	0	8	11	76	4
Portrane	11	0	1	10	11	32	1

MIDDLE A

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Y.M.C.A. II	10	8	2	0	33	11	18
Corinthians II	11	5	2	4	24	25	12
Railway Union II	7	4	3	0	22	9	11
Dublin University II	8	5	1	2	24	11	11
Three Rock Rovers II	8	4	1	3	18	12	9
Dalkey II	9	2	1	6	9	22	5
Avoca II	9	1	1	7	19	41	3
P. Wanderers II	10	1	1	8	16	34	3

MIDDLE B

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Imperial Tobacco I.	10	7	2	1	42	13	16
Glenanne I	9	6	2	1	20	8	14
Grangegorman	8	5	3	0	19	7	13
Monkstown I	9	5	2	2	21	5	12
Postal Services I	10	3	2	5	16	10	8
Civil Service I	11	3	1	7	17	35	7
Hammond Lane	9	3	0	6	19	28	6
Kingstown School	10	0	0	10	8	56	0

INTERMEDIATE A

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Railway Union III	9	6	1	2	23	10	13
Clontarf I	6	4	2	0	17	5	10
Brookeville I	5	4	0	1	15	3	8
Newtimes I	7	4	1	2	8	8	9
Dublin Univ. II	6	3	0	3	19	16	60
Y.M.C.A. III	8	3	0	5	12	15	6
Air Corps I	6	1	1	4	9	11	3
Pembroke W. III	9	0	1	8	2	37	1

INTERMEDIATE B

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Imperial Tobacco Co. II	10	8	1	1	40	8	17
Dalkey III	9	8	0	1	27	11	16
Three R.R. III	9	6	1	2	29	21	13
Postal Services II	9	5	1	3	21	14	11
Dublin Univ. IV	7	4	0	3	25	14	8
St. James's Gate II	8	4	0	3	27	17	8
Y.M.C.A. IV	11	3	1	7	30	41	7
Corinthians III	10	2	3	5	22	29	7
Clontarf II	10	3	0	7	15	41	6
Monkstown III	11	0	1	10	11	51	1

JUNIOR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Railway Union IV	7	5	2	0	30	6	12
Monkstown III	8	5	1	2	16	10	11
Newtimes II	7	3	3	1	21	6	9
Air Corps II	6	3	1	2	26	10	7
I.T. Co.	7	2	2	3	14	13	6
Dalkey IV	7	2	1	4	7	22	5
Y.M.C.A. V	8	0	0	8	4	51	0

ATTRACTIVE MATCH

Londonbridge road will house an attractive match in aid of charity next Tuesday between Three Rock Rovers and Mr. T. S. C. Dagg's XI. The scratch team will include five men—Brown, Stevenson, K. Tanham, Leopold and W. Haughton—who have been selected on the Leinster side to meet Munster next month. The teams are as follows:—

Mr. Dagg's XI.—J. W. Brown (Railway U.); F. Stevenson (Dublin Univ.), H. Dove (Pembroke W.); C. D. Colter (Y.M.C.A.), K. Tanham (Railway U.), J. Quill (Dublin U.); C. Leopold (Railway U.), D. McGilligan (Dublin U.), W. Lee (Pembroke W.), W. Haughton (Dublin U.), C. O'Malley (Railway U.).

Three Rock Rovers.—C. R. Cuffe; G. O'Hara, G. K. Donald; R. H. Russell, R. K. Pilkington, R. S. Stewart; C. N. Dagg, K. Haughton, C. Chamney, J. V. Luce, J. W. Tuckey.

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"Rubber" Contest At Stadium

ON the bill for the Catholic Boy Scouts and North City Boxing Clubs' inter-club tournament at the Stadium to-morrow night, are two matchings which have each been fought twice already this season—P. Byrne v. Pte. W. Gifford, and G. Morahan v. J. Gaffney.

The first will be a rubber contest; but Gaffney has beaten Morahan on each of the previous occasions of their meeting this season. Byrne seemed a little out of training when he lost to Gifford a month or so ago; and, if he has regained the fire which was an invariable ingredient of his boxing last year, he should turn the tables on the Army man this time. Gaffney seemed to have a few pounds in hand against Morahan before, along with a slight advantage in reach, and he will be generally expected to chalk up a third victory against the former bantam champion.

Also down to fight is T. Kavanagh, the successful Scouts' welter, who will face a sturdy veteran in Sgt. W. Moore. Programme (C.B.S. boxers first):—

Juvenile—5st.—P. Quinn v. W. McCormack; M. Price v. W. Meehan. 5st. 7lb.—F. McDonnell v. W. Lyons. 6st.—O. Carey v. S. Sunderland; P. Dalton v. A. Mulhall.

Fly—B. Carabini v. A. Cullen.

Bantam—J. Gallagher v. F. McGrane; F. Moylan v. J. McCabe.

Feather—M. Carey v. R. Walsh.

Light—S. Dwyer v. H. Thuillier; P. Neville J. McDonnell; P. Byrne v. Pte. W. Gifford.

Special Contests—Feather—G. Morahan (North City) v. J. Gaffney (Sandymount). Welter—T. Kavanagh (C.B.S.) v. Sgt. W. Moore (Bray).

W. O'Neill will be returning to the saddle after an absence of 13 years when he rides Smiling Sambo in the Novices' Steeplechase at Windsor on Boxing Day. Formerly a successful jockey, he also at one time held a trainer's licence under National Hunt Rules.

Bray Cove S.C. will hold its annual Christmas swim (confined) at the Swimming Pools, Bray Head, on Christmas Day (12 o'c.). Entries to date—D. Corbett, V. Hinds, Lieut. D. O'Neill, M. Dempsey, A. O'Neill, G. O'Neill, S. O'Lochnan, J. Lambkin. Post entries taken.

Republican Ladies' Swimming Club will hold its annual Christmas Day swim at Clontarf Baths. All intending competitors be at baths 11.45 a.m.



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By Our Curragh Correspondent

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The three-year-olds for another season are all good winners. These four outstanding fillies, Seraglio, Porza, Silence and Marita, are engaged in the classics, and no doubt about the fact that they are well up to that standard.

The now yearlings include Sabzy, who was bought for the Aga Khan at the Ballsbridge sales, the price being the record-breaker of 3,300 gns. Tatta cost 500 gns. at the same sales. Idetta was a Ballsbridge bargain at 460 gns., and Rosina (both are owned by Mr. E. Bellaney) is out of Rossington, sold at Newmarket for 7,000 gns.

Col. Loder's filly by Fairway—Tip the Wink is half-sister to High Sheriff, whom their breeder sold for 8,000 gns. at Newmarket.

Poolfix, b. g., a., by Link Boy—Lady of Grace.
Slightly Slow, b. g., a., by Wychwood Abbot—Telegraphic Address.
Buxton, br. h., a., by Limelight—High Light.
Brick Bat, b. g., 6, by Rolling Rock—Flying Rose.

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Walter Munroe, b. g. by Edgehill—Mouzelle.

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Thanks America, ch. g. by Stardust—Mouzelle; Br. g. by Colombo—Orbazia; Ella Retford, ch. f. by Turkhan—Prada; Chronicle, br. f. by Colombo—Shell of Gold; Br. f. by William of Valence—Ann Clifford; Isetta, b. f. by Morland—Isolda; Rosina, b. f. by Chumleigh—Rossington.

Track, b. f. by Fairway—Tip the Wink; Ch. f. by Dastur—Widow; Gay Trilby, br. f. by Columcille—Giselle; Poor Gal, b. f. by Landscape Hill—Ulster Lily; Paddock Ring, b. f. by Bel-Ami—Tomorrow.

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GOLF CLUB CARDS

Castle.—Bailey Cup Final—G. V. Mortier (16) beat R. G. Houston (16), 2 and 1.

Waterford.—Flag foursome — T. Kiersey and J. A. Kiely; D. Gilligan and D. Kavanagh. Erratic competition — W. F. Shalloe and J. Traynor.

Milltown.—Knights of the Road—18 h. (s.)—D. O'Gorman (15), 72; H. H. Symmons (11), 74. Fourball—A. K. Kenny and M. J. Power, 5 up; K. A. Love and D. H. Meredith, 4 up. 13 and under—H. Stanley won on 2nd 9.

Killiney.—Ladies—Friday, sweep, 9 h. (s.). Usual draws. Turkey Competition—Class I—Miss Twigg (9), 81. Class II—Mrs. Towers (19), 79.

Nenagh.—Mixed foursome (turkeys)—E. Burke and Miss K. Stapleton.

Tullamore.—Hamper — Capt. Allen (17), 71; J. C. Farrell (7), 73. Ladies—Christmas Hamper—Miss O'Hara (25), 6 down; Mrs. Earner (9), 7 down.

TO RUN AT WINDSOR

Forestation, who won the Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup at Cheltenham in 1942, is one of the six runners from Victor Smyth's stable at Windsor on Boxing Day. Forestation runs for the Datchet Hurdle, for which Smyth also runs Seneca. W. Redmond will ride one of the pair.

Smyth's other runners are—12.0, Covenant (R. Smyth), and The Reel (W. Redmond); 12.30, Flying Saint (R. Smyth); 3.30, Merry Mood (R. Smyth).

Sam Wragg has been engaged to ride Mrs. Lavington's horses in 1945.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

To-day—Clare Hounds, Barefield, 1.0; Louth, Lobinstown, 11.0; Killultagh, Old Rock and Chichester, Kennels, 12.0; West Waterford, Aglish, 12.0; Bree Hounds, Grange X, 12.0; Tara, Proudstown, 12.0; Wicklow, Togher, 12.0; North Mayo, Crossmolina, 12.30; Kilkenny, Kilcoran, 11.30; Island, Ballyroebuck, 12.0.

To-morrow—Wexford, Stokestown, 12.0; Meath, Dunshaughlin, 11.30; County Galway ("The Blazers"), Moyvilla X, 12.0; Scarteen Old Pallas, 12.0; Fingal, Ballyboughal, 1.0; Mid-Antrim, Gracehill, 12.30; South Union, Belgooly, 11.30; North Kildare, Beech Park, Clonsilla, 12.0; Longford, Lisardowling, 1.0; Westmeath, Clark's X, 11.45; Nenagh, Newtown (by invitation), 12.0; United Hunt, Pine's X, 11.30; Ballymacad, Fore, 12.0; East Galway, Clonfert, 12.0.

Limerick Harriers will not meet to-day.

BREEDER TO TRAIN

Mr. Michael Miller, the breeding expert, is to train for Mr. Walter Hutchinson at Chilcombe, near Winchester. He will also look after his stud at adjacent Woodcote. Some of Mr. Hutchinson's flat racers will remain with H. S. Persse at Stockbridge.

W. Hollick has been engaged to ride for George Duller during the National Hunt season. Poise and Grandwell are two ex-flat racers who are showing promise as jumpers in this stable at Epsom.

PICKETS AT DUBLIN VEGETABLE MARKET

Summonses against five girls for picketing at the entrance of the Dublin Corporation Fruit and Vegetable Markets on dates in November last, were adjourned in the Dublin District Court yesterday until December 29th. The summonses are for "watching and besetting," with a view to compelling Bridget Lawlor, trading as Lawlor and Son, from carrying on business as a fruit and vegetable dealer in the markets.

Sean Lawlor said there was no dispute with any member of their staff. On November 3rd he saw a picket of girls walking up and down outside the market. They had a banner bearing the inscription: "Support the Belton Strikers." He (Mr. Lawlor) said they were not selling any of Mr. Belton's produce that day, and had not handled any since.

Mr. C. B. W. Boyle, solicitor, who appeared for the defendants, said that the Workers' Union of Ireland was prepared to cease picketing if Mr. Lawlor would give an undertaking not to accept produce from Mr. Belton during the adjournment.

Mr. Cecil Lavery, S.C., who, with Mr. D. Bell (instructed by Mr. P. F. O'Reilly) appeared for Mr. Lawlor, said he was not prepared to give any such undertaking.



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BRITAIN'S AIM IN GREECE

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I hope this chapter will soon be closed and that there will be once again that friendship in which we have taken pride and that the Greek people—all the Greek people—and all our own will be united and friends together."

Mr. Greenwood (Lab., Wakefield), opening the debate on the motion for the adjournment, said:—"I must say this, and I say it far more in sorrow than in anger, and with a full sense of responsibility, that the Prime Minister has not handled this situation in the way in which it should have been handled." He believed that the Prime Minister's words had, in fact, done something to embitter the political situation in Britain, where there was no division on this issue. Everybody deplored the situation, and knew that it was a fantastic and tragic situation to have Greeks and Britons at each other's throats.

"This is not the occasion for a vote of censure. There is no challenge to the Government, but there is great perturbation in the minds of millions in the country and of our allies as to the situation in Greece.

"I beg the Government—in the interests of Greece, in the interests of the future and in the interests of the honour of our people in the eyes of the world—to get rid of the shooting and to get down to the making of the ballot rather than of the bullet," added Mr. Greenwood.

Sir Percy Harris (L., Bethnal Green, S.W.) said:—"There is deep resentment among the common people in Britain, who feel that their sons are being used to shoot down our allies."

Wing-Commander Robinson (C., Blackpool), who was in Greece at the time of the liberation of Athens, said that those using force in Greece were doing so because they had no faith that the people of Greece would back them through the ballot box.

Mr. Aneurin Bevin (Lab.) remarked that where the British landed as liberators they looked like staying as tyrants in the eyes of many Greeks. The Greeks did not trust the British Government, because it had been intriguing for two years to get King George back on the Greek throne.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

Earlier in the day Mr. Lipson (Ind., Cheltenham) asked the Prime Minister whether there now is complete co-operation and accord between the British Government and the Governments of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. with regard to the policy at present being pursued by the British Government in Greece?

Mr. Churchill—The burden of attending to the troubles in Greece has fallen upon Great Britain, and we have not so far been able to discharge this task without criticism, even here at home, which has added to our difficulties.

The three great Powers are in entire agreement upon the general aim which bind our alliance, and we have every need to keep in the closest association in this dangerous and momentous phase of the war.

Mr. Lipson—Does he not agree that there is a danger in the implementation of the proposals of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference if certain Powers assign themselves spheres of influence and other Powers are not brought into co-operation during the war?

Mr. Churchill—I think that is a topic that, obviously, I should not attempt to deal with now.

Mr. Shinwell (Lab., Seaham)—But will the Prime Minister now say whether there is, in fact, complete co-operation?

Mr. Churchill—There is complete co-operation. Whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether, but I have not the slightest doubt that the complete and effective co-operation will go on in all aspects of the war. We had a certain task thrown upon us, and we are discharging it to the best of our ability.

Mr. Lipson—Are the Government taking steps to try to bring about greater accord?

Mr. Churchill—I think that would be certainly a justifiable conclusion to form at this stage.

LIMERICK PICKETING CASE

The hearing of the action of James J. Doran, Katoomba, O'Connell avenue, Limerick, and his wife, Mary Teresa, trading as the Dublin Shoe Company, 36 O'Connell street, Limerick, against Miss Imelda Kelly, Mona Lodge, Limerick, and Charles Lennon, Sexton street, Limerick, shop assistants, was concluded before Mr. Justice Overend, in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, and judgment was reserved.

The action was for an injunction to restrain Miss Kelly and Mr. Lennon from picketing Mr. and Mrs. Doran's premises, and for damages.

CHARGE OF EXPORTING OLD GOLD

Moses Greeph, Wellington quay, Dublin, was charged, at the Special Criminal Court, Collins Barracks, Dublin, yesterday, with exporting a quantity of secondhand gold jewellery in June, 1943, without a permit.

Michael Moylan, Marine Drive, Sandymount; William James Knowd, Grace Park Gardens, Drumcondra, and James Casey, Tallyho, Dublin road, Sutton, were charged with aiding and abetting. The trial date was fixed for January 3rd.

Mr. R. P. Humphries, Chief State Solicitor's Office, said that Moylan, Knowd and Casey were awaiting trial on another charge.

£14,000 FOR CHARITY

In the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, Mr. Justice Haugh admitted the will of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neill, 2 Jocelyn place, Dundalk, to probate, and directed that a caveat entered by Mrs. Mary Sullivan, a relative, South Richmond street, Dublin, be set aside.

Mrs. O'Neill, who died in March of this year, aged 84, left approximately £25,000, and, by her will of July 30th, 1938, she gave £14,000 to charities.

Turkeys Plentiful But Rather Dear

There are plenty of turkeys in the shops, but the price is rather "heavy" for people who have to budget carefully to make the money go round at Christmas. Three shillings a pound is the price asked for a hen turkey—2/10 for the male of the species. A fourteen pound bird dressed, ready—save for the stuffing—for the oven, will cost the purchaser about £2. It is believed that the current supply exceeds that of last year by twenty per cent. Export ceased on Monday last and will not re-open until about a week after Christmas. The export price was 2/7, delivered.

Turkeys are being offered for sale in some Dublin restaurants, ready cooked, at 55/-. These birds weigh about 12 or 14 lb. It is twelve shillings cheaper to buy one and cook it at home. The gas will be on all day on Christmas Day.

D.U.T.C. BUS TIMES AT CHRISTMAS

The Dublin United Transport Company has issued a special folder, obtainable free at its head office, O'Connell street, giving tram and bus schedules over the Christmas period. In addition to giving the frequency of Christmas Day bus and tram services on the different metropolitan routes, it provides a list of alterations in bus services to churches on that day. "Church" buses will operate as on Sundays, with some alteration in the cases of Greystones, Bray, Ballymun, Terenure, Rathfarnham, Clontarf, Swords, Blanchardstown and Glencullen Churches.

On St. Stephen's Day buses and trams will operate as on normal Sundays, except that "church" buses will not run.

A.R.P. SERVICES THANKED

In a Christmas message to all members of the A.R.P. Services, the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, Mr. Frank Aiken, says:—

"For more than five anxious years you have steadfastly worked in the service of your fellow citizens. The nation is deeply grateful for your selfless devotion and loyalty. While the services so far rendered are deeply appreciated, we must not forget that it is essential for the safety and well-being of the nation that they should be continued until peace returns to this war-torn world."

LEGAL DIARY

THE SUPREME COURT.—11. For Judgment—The State (Francis Gettins) v. Circuit Court Judge, North-Western Circuit; in re Workmen's Compensation Act, 1934—Toner v. the Dublin Trawling, Ice and Cold Storage Co. For Hearing. Motion—The State (Quinn) v. Mangar.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL (sitting in the Supreme Court).—10.45. For Judgment—The People (Attorney-General) v. Michael C. Harte.

THE HIGH COURT.—In Court 1. The President, 11—Probate Motions, Exparte and On Notice. In Court 5—Mr. Justice Overend, 11. Issue (for judgment)—Gillic v. Best. Action (for judgment)—Doran v. Lennon. Motion—P. Meaney, decd., O'Shea v. Meaney. In Court 6—Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy, 11.30. Motion—O'Connell v. Finneran. In Court 3—Mr. Justice Haugh, 11—Exparte Motions, On Notice—Kingham v. Monaghan Co. Council.

THE MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT.—11—Motions of Course.

COURT OF THE RAILWAY TRIBUNAL (at the Court of Justice, Four Courts, 11)—In the matter of the Emergency Powers (Increase and Cancellation of Exceptional Rates of Great Southern Railways) Order, 1943, and of the notice published in pursuance thereof by the Great Southern Railways Company intimating their intention to increase or cancel certain exceptional rates or charges as and from the 1st July, 1943; and in the matter of objections to the rate or rates specified therein.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT.—At the Law Courts, Chancery place, at 10.30.

CIRCUIT COURT OF JUSTICE.—Before Judge Shannon, at the Law Courts, Chancery place, 11 o'clock. Workmen's Compensation Act, 1934—Thomas Dunne, applct., v. Patrick Murphy, respdt. Civil Action—Downes v. Burns. Before Judge Connolly, at Green Street Courthouse (Grand Jury Room), 11. Civil Actions—Hardman v. White (to be mentioned); Coyle v. Colgan and others (for judgment); O'Neill v. Rafter; Coleman v. Keane's, Ltd. Before Judge Wyse-Power, at the Law Courts, Chancery place, 11. Appeal from District Court—Waddick v. Waddick, appelt. (withdrawn). Civil Actions—Sellars v. Brennan (settled); Hamilton Keys v. O'Doherty.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS APPEAL

Mr. T. J. Conolly was one of the junior counsel for the successful appellants in the appeals in which judgment was given by the Supreme Court on Tuesday, in relation to claims for pensions under the Military Service Pensions Act.

Overcharge for Logs.—John McClelland (21), carrier, Saul road, Crumlin, was sent to prison for two months by District Justice Lennon, in Dublin, yesterday, for obtaining £2 8s. 6d. by false pretences, and overcharging in the sale of logs.

News in Brief

The Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Association have congratulated Mr. P. F. O'Reilly, solicitor, Law Agent to the Association, on his election to the Presidency of the Incorporated Law Society.

Dublin Doctor for Meath.—Dr. John H. Gallagher, 112 Sandford road, Ranelagh, Dublin, has been appointed M.O. of the Duleek dispensary district on the recommendations of the Appointments Commissioners.

Shop Breaker Jailed.—John Dunny, Camac Park, Clondalkin, was, at Kilmainham, yesterday, sentenced to two months' imprisonment for breaking into Mrs. Begley's shop at Clondalkin, and stealing cash, tobacco and matches, valued at £2.

Christmas Postal Arrangements.—There will be a general delivery of letters and parcels on Sunday next, but none on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day. There will be Sunday morning despatches to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and there will be evening collections in Dublin and district about 7 o'clock p.m.

Christmas at St. Kevin's Institution.—Arrangements for Christmas at St. Kevin's Institution were announced at yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Board of Assistance. They include a Christmas Eve treat for the children and Christmas fare for the inmates, such as biscuits, sweets, jellies, ham and a Christmas pudding.

G.S.R. Farewell.—A very enjoyable function took place in Clery's Restaurant on Tuesday last, when the rates section clerical staff of the commercial department, Kingsbridge, held a dinner to honour the passing of the old G.S.R., and to welcome the new organisation. The guest of honour was Mr. J. J. O'Dwyer, chief clerk.

Inspection of Abattoir.—Members of the Housewives' Committee will visit the Dublin abattoir to-day for a tour of inspection. A member of the Committee said: "Following complaints which have reached us, and in pursuance of our clean food campaign, we want to be in a position to form our own conclusions."

Injured by Gate.—A decree for £42 17s. was awarded by Judge Shannon in the Circuit Civil Court, yesterday, to Mrs. Mary Joyce, of 6 Spencer street, Dublin, in an action against James Bagnall, a farmer, of Ballinascorney, Tallaght, for injuries received when she collided with a projecting gate belonging to the defendant in the Ballinascorney district.

Bookbinders' Union.—The Trades Union Tribunal, sitting in Dublin yesterday, heard an application by Councillor M. Colgan, Secretary of the Irish Bookbinders' and Allied Trades' Union for the sole right to organise bookbinders, book-finishers, book-edge gilders, paper rulers, guillotine operators and paper warehousemen throughout Eire. Mr. D. Sullivan, who presided, adjourned the hearing until January 10th.

CAROL SERVICE

There was a large attendance at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, last night for the annual Carol Service by the choir, with Dr. George Hewson at the organ.

The choir has rarely been heard to better advantage than at last night's Service. Outstanding on the programme were "O, My Dear Heart," from a carol written by Luther for his son on the occasion of his eighth birthday; a setting by Dr. Hewson of the French carol, "Gloria in Excelsis," and a fine arrangement for soprano solo of "The Stable," to music by Rutland Boughton.

Other carols sung included:—"In the Ending of the Year"—a setting of an old fourteenth century melody by Rutland Boughton — the familiar English carol, "The Holly and the Ivy"; "The Five Lesser Joys of Mary," by D. L. Kelleher and Peter Warlock, and "Here is the Little Door," by Frances Chesterton and Herbert Howells.

There will be another Carol Service on Sunday at 3.15 p.m.

JAIL SENTENCE REDUCED

Judge Davitt, in the Dublin Circuit Civil Court, yesterday, dismissed the appeal of Thomas Powell, Boherbue, Tralee, against a sentence of three months' imprisonment for the unlawful possession of a Colt .455 revolver. As, however, Powell had already served one month, he reduced the sentence to two months, to date from yesterday.

Guard N. O'Flaherty said that following the finding of the revolver in Northcote avenue, Dun Laoghaire, where Powell resided, he (Powell) said: "I accept full responsibility."

Powell, in evidence, said as he had offers of teaching posts in England he asked the Court to impose a fine instead of imprisonment.

Evidence was given that Powell had been sentenced to six months on charges of false pretences on February 26th, 1943.

Television After The War

Repeating the dividend of 6 per cent., with a bonus of 2 per cent., the report of Electrical and Musical Instruments, Ltd., states that the activities of the company are now 96 per cent. on war work. Some of this production is likely to continue after the war with Germany, while a good proportion has been of a type allied to the company's normal business.

The company is awaiting the report of the Hankey Committee on television, in which they have played a pioneering part. The chairman, Mr. Alfred Clark, anticipates that not only will television be resumed after the end of the war with Germany, but that the service will be considerably extended.

His optimism is, no doubt, justified, for the company has been among those whose views have been put before the Committee, but the man-power problem may make it difficult for the public to acquire television sets in the numbers for which there is a demand, while the B.B.C. may have some hesitation in extending a service at a time when their own staffing organisation presents certain difficulties.

Wall Street Dull

New York, Wednesday—The tone of the Stock Exchange at the opening was strong, with trading active and Rails touching their seven-year peaks. The collapse of the early small boom in Rails upset the balance of the market and brought declines of fractions to more than one point. The market was sensitive to reported fresh gains by the German counter-offensive and the absence of a complete picture.

In the late dealings, many of the pivotal stocks were moderately above the day's low levels, but the market closed heavy.

The turnover of 1,483,000 shares comprised 933 issues, of which 154 advanced, 598 declined, and 181 remained unchanged.—(Reuter.)

OTHER EXCHANGES

MANCHESTER.—Bleachers 13/7 1/2, Dyers 24/9, "Slubbers" 7/4 1/2, Calico Printers 18/6, Coats 50/3, Courtaulds 57/3, Dunlop 47/9, Sewing Cotton 37/6, Velvet 17/1 1/2, Spinners 25/9, Henry 26/-, Collieries 11/10 1/2, Turner and Newall 81/6, Wall Paper Defd. 44/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Guys and Standard in favour. Kennings easier at 21/-. Tube Investment rose to 108/6. Alvis 7/9, Austin "A" 30/3, Dennis 28/-, Dunlop 48/3, Enfield 29/-, Ford 36/-, Guy 3/3, Humber 21/7 1/2, Leyland 76/-, Lucas 81/6, Lea Francis 2/9, Raleigh 83/-, Rolls 111/3, Rover 34/6, Singer 6/4 1/2, Standard 33/3, Triplex 43/6, Birmids 87/-.

FOOD MARKETS

DUBLIN FISH.—Lobsters 44/- to 68/- per 13; soles 33/10, turbot and brill 23/4, herrings 7/-, mackerel 4/- to 7/-, plaice 14/- to 23/4, cod and haddock 13/1 to 16/4, codling 7/11, ray 6/- to 7/7, wings 14/-, and hake 16/4 per stone.

DUBLIN CATTLE.—On offer, 2,312 head, or 750 less than last week. Fair attendance of buyers, with demand quietly steady inside previous values. Prime heifers 57/- to 60/-, secondary 50/- to 55/-, best bullocks 57/- to 60/-, heavy 50/- to 55/-, rough 46/- to 49/-, young beef cows 35/- to 45/-, extra 50/-, useful sorts 28/- to 34/-, aged, etc., 20/- to 26/- per live cwt.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Supplies totalled 5,180 head, being a decrease of 2,176 on last week. Sales opened steady for the pick of things at steady rates, but anything short of meated condition slow to turn into money. Prime mutton 1/2 1/2 to 1/3, secondary 1/1 to 1/2, ewes 10 1/2d. to 1/- per lb., and lambs 50/- to 85/- each.

DAIRY CATTLE.—Best cows and heifers £35 to £47, seconds £26 to £34, others £20 to £25 each.

PIGS.—A sharper trade was experienced for the 609 pigs on offer, at—Prime light to medium weights 170/- to 180/-, heavier 155/- to 165/-, sows 130/- to 150/- per cwt., dead; slips and bonhams 50/- to 100/- each.

DUBLIN CHRISTMAS POULTRY.—Good supplies, with demand good, at—Turkeys, hens, 2/5 to 2/7, cocks 2/2 to 2/4; fat geese 1/5 to 1/7, chickens, small 1/8, and large 1/6 to 1/7 per lb.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—York cabbage, large 50/- to 88/-, small 20/- to 30/-, savoy, large 55/- to 72/-, small 25/- to 40/- load; swedes 3/- to 5/-, mangolds 2/3, onions 34/- per cwt.; cauliflowers 3/- to 5/-, seconds 6d. to 1/- doz.; carrots 6/- to 14/-, parsnips 6/- to 8/- bag, and turnips 6d. to 8d. bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Dates 10/-, Spry's Abundance and Kerr's Pinks 9/-, and Banners 8/- per cwt.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Poor supply, with fair demand. Cod, sprags, codlings, haddocks, coalfish, dogfish and whitings (heads on), 6/5; plaice, lemon soles and dabs 15/6, skate 6/5, halibut, turbot, soles and brill 21/6, frozen fillets 13/2, smoked fillets 16/6, smoked Finnans 13/-, wet and dry salt fish 10/- per stone.

EDINBURGH CATTLE.—No market owing to foot-and-mouth disease.

STORE CATTLE SALES

Gavin Low, Ltd.—Good supply, brisk demand, and complete clearance in Dublin. Balbriggan—Increased supplies and very good trade at increased prices. Best bullocks and heifers £22 to £33, store bullocks and heifers £14 to £28, milch cows and springers £18 to £35.

Craigie Bros.—Much reduced supplies on offer, and with a large attendance of buyers present a brisk trade prevailed for all classes at prices in sellers' favour.

Another Rise in Pim Pref.

HOLIDAY influences tended to restrict trading on the Dublin Stock Exchange, yesterday, and markets made a quiet showing. Despite the falling-off in public interest, the tone was fairly firm, and a couple of good features developed.

Great Southern Railway Junior stocks were in request; the Ord. improved to 70 1/4, and the Pref. hardened to 69. Great Northern Rails were rather sellers, and the Pref. and Guar. marked slight shrinkages, but the Ord. held up well at 33. Dublin Transport Ord. and Pref. both inclined easier.

Pim Bros. Pref. enjoyed fresh support, and spurted 3s. to 78s. Carroll Ord. dipped to 37s. 3d., and Cement Deb. were lowered to 110 1/4 for a small lot. Assoc. Chocolate Pref. tended higher, but the Deb. shaded off to 21s. 6d. Irish Cinema Pref. added pence at 22s. 3d., but Irish Sugar Pref. gave way to 27s. 6d.

There was good buying of Guinness Ord., and they finished pence higher at 137s. 6d. The Pref. weakened to 15 1/4. Imperial Chemical Ord. rose to 38s. 9d., and Imperial Tobacco Ord. to 162s.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid.
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—5 p.c. Second National Loan (114 1/4), 114 1/4; 3 1/2 p.c. Fourth Loan (107 5/8), *107 5/8; 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (108), 108 1/8; 3 1/4 p.c. National Security (106 3/4), 106 3/4, 106 5/8; 4 1/2 p.c. Land Bonds (116 1/4), 116 1/2; do. (under £200) (116), 116 1/2; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (106 3/4), 107; 2 1/2 p.c. Consols (81 3/8), 81 1/2; 3 1/2 p.c. War Loan (104 1/8), 104 3/16, 104 1/4; do. (under £200) (104), 104 1/8; do. (Bank of England), 104 1/16.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (361), 361b; Royal (14), *14.

BREWERIES — Guinness Ord. (137/-), 137/3, 137/6, 137/9, 137/6; do. Pref. (16 1/8), 15 7/8.

RAIL GROUP—Gt. Northern Ord. (33), 33 1/8, 33; do. Pref. (49 1/2), 49 1/4, 49 5/8; do. Guar. (69 1/2), 69; Gt. Southern Ord. (70), *70, *70 1/2, 70 1/4; do. Pref. (68 7/8), *68 1/2, 68 7/8, 69, 69; Dublin Transport Ord. (28/4 1/2), 28/3; do. Pref. (28/4 1/2), 28/3.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Assoc. Chocolate Pref. (23/3), 23/9; do. Deb. (21/9), *21/6; Carroll Ord. (37/6), 37/3; do. Pref. (29/3), 29/3; Cement Deb. (110 3/8), *110 1/4; Irish American Oil Pref. (32/6), *32/6; Irish Cinema Ord. (4/9), *4/9; do. Pref. (21/9), 22/3; Irish Shell Pref. (22/-), 22/-; Irish Sugar Pref. (28/-), 27/6; Pim Bros. Pref. (75/-), 78/-.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS — Bleachers, *13/9; Courtaulds, 57/3; do. Pref., 27/4 1/2; Imperial Chemical Ord. (38/6), 38/9; Imperial Tobacco (161/6), 162/-.

Kaffir Dividends Compared

December dividends are announced by companies in the Anglo-American Corporation group of Gold Mining concerns. In most cases the dividends are smaller than at this time last year, which, more or less, follows the experience of the gold producers just now. The dividends are an improvement on the June distributions.

The results, compared with the June, 1944, and December, 1943, dividends, are as follows:—

	Dec. 1944. s. d.	June. 1944. s. d.	Dec. 1943. s. d.
Brakpan	0 7 1/2	0 6	0 9
Daggafontein	1 2 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 3
East Dagga.	1 4 1/2	1 3	1 3 1/2
S.A. Land	2 0	2 3	2 6
Spring Mines	0 3 1/2	0 3 1/2	0 6
West Springs	0 7 1/2	0 4 1/2	0 6
Western Reefs	1 3	1 1 1/2	1 3

It will be noticed that East Daggafontein, which entered the dividend list in 1940, is steadily increasing its distribution, and satisfaction will be expressed with the dividends from West Springs.

It is announced that Anglo-American Investment Trust will publish a dividend statement early in January, when it is hoped to give estimated profits for 1944.

COMPANY NEWS

Elswick Hopper Cycle and Motor.—Dividend 12 1/2 p.c. for year (same).

Lines Brothers.—Dividend 30 p.c. for year (same).

New Era Consolidated.—Dividend 10 p.c., making 17 1/2 p.c. for year (against 15 p.c.).

Nigel Gold.—Dividend 12 1/2 p.c., making 26 1/4 p.c. for year (against 32 1/2 p.c.).

Copper Profits Rise

Rhodesian Anglo-American, Ltd., is paying a final dividend of 3 1/2 p.c., which again makes 6 1/2 p.c. for the year to June 30th. Profits were £373,000 (against £351,000 in the previous year). The company is a holding concern managed by the Anglo-American Corporation. Its principal investment consists of £1,318,971 of Ordinary stock and £21,341 of "A" stock in the Rhokana Corporation, representing 54 p.c. of the stock issued by that company.

Through its holding of Rhokana shares the company has interests in other copper companies, such as the Nchanga and the Mufulira. Other investments, including holdings in the British South Africa Company and the Northern Rhodesia Power Company, are valued in the balance sheet at £1,619,384. In pre-war years dividends were paid ranging between 9 and 14 p.c. The whole of the capital is in 10s. Ordinary units, valued at 15s. 3d.

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

Consols 2 1/2%	81 7/16	81 9/16	
Do. 4 1/2%	111 9/16	111 11/16	
3 1/2% War Loan	103 15/16	104 1/13	+1/16
3% War Loan	102	102 1/8	
Funding Loan	113 9/16	113 11/16	
Victory Bonds	113 11/16	113 13/16	
3% Conversion	108 1/8	103 1/4	+1/16
3 1/2% Conversion	105 15/16	106 1/16	+1/13
2 1/2% Land	91	93	
I.F.S. 4 1/2% Ld	114 1/2	116 1/2	
Local Loans	94 3/4	94 1/2	
Nat. Def. 2 1/2%	100 15/16	101 1/16	

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS

Brazil 20-Yr. A.	81 1/2	
Do. 40-Yr. B.	70 1/2	
Great Western	58 3/4	
L.M.S. Ord.	31 1/2	
Do. 4% Pref.	78 1/2	
Do. 5% Red. Pf.	103*	
Do. 4% Pf. '23	62 1/2	
L.N.E. Pf. Ord.	8	
Do. Def.	4	
Do. 1st Pref.	60 3/4	−1/4
Do. 2nd Pref.	31 3/4	−1/4
Sth. Pref. Ord.	77 1/2	
Sth. Def. Ord.	25 1/2	
Do 5% Pref.	119	
Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	56	
B.A. Gt. Sth.	11 7/8	+1/8
Do. 4% Deb.	61 1/2	
B.A. and Pacific 4% Deb.	73	
Do. Con. 4 1/2% Deb.	55	+1/2
B.A. & Western	10 7/8	+1/8
Do. 4% Deb.	56	
Canadian Pacific	15	+1/4
C. Arg. 4% Deb	55 3/4	
Do. 5% Deb. 1967-87	62	
Barclay A	55/6	+0/3
Lloyds	61/9	
Midland Bank	10 21/32	
Westminster £1.	95/0	

INDUSTRIALS

Allied Iron	52/0*	
Austin (5/-)	30/3	+0/6
Assoc. Cement	62/6	+0/7 1/2
Ass. Br. Picture	22/0	
Babcock & W.	53/3	+0/3
Baldwins	6/10 1/2	
Brown (J.)	28/0	
B.S.A.	24/1 1/2	
Bleachers	13/6	+0/1 1/2
Brad. Dyers	24/9	
Braz. Traction	26 3/8	+1/4
British Celanese	37/0	+1/0
British Match	42/1 1/2	
B.A. Tobacco	5 11/16	
Beechams Def.	19/6	
Boots Drug	55/3	
Bolsover Coll.	51/0	
British Alum.	45/7 1/2	
British Oxygen	87/6	
Brit. Plaster Bd.	39/0	
Brit. P. Cement	4 1/2	
Bass	175/0	
Brit. Insulated	114/0	
Callendars	114/0	
Cammell Laird	10/6	
Consett Iron	8/1 1/2	
Crompton P.	33/9*	
Coast Lines	17/0	

INDUSTRIALS (Cont.)

Cab & W. Ord.	84 1/4	
Calico Printers	18/7 1/2	−0/1 1/2
Coats	50/10 1/2	
Cory, Wm.	98/0*	
Clan Line	5	
Cunard	21/10 1/2	
Courtaulds	57/3	
Carreras B	18/9	
De La Rue	9 5/8	
Dorman Long	27/6	
Dunlop	48/0	
Distillers	[illegible]8/0*	
Elec. & Mus.	[illegible]/4 1/2	+0/7 1/2
Eng. Sew. Cot.	37/6	+0/10 1/2
Eng. Electric	56/0	
Ever Ready	42/0	
Ford	36/6	+0/3
Fine Spinners	25/9	
Gallaher	7 5/16	
Guinness	136/6	
Godfrey Phillips	56/3	−0/6
General Electric	98/0	
Guest Keen	38/4 1/2	
Harrods	65/3	
Hudson's Bay	70/0	+1/3
Hawker Sid.	17/9	+0/1 1/2
Harland & W.	16/3	
Imp. Tobacco	8 1/8	+1/32
Imp. Chemical	39/3	
Int. Nickel	38 1/4	+1/4
Inter. Tea	18/4 1/2	
Johnston & P.	79/0	
Leyland	76/9	+0/6
Lever & Unilvr.	46/0	
Lever N.V.	46/0	
London Brick	65/6	+0/6
Morris	45/9	
Murex	5	
Marks & S.	64/9	
Patons and B.	4 1/16	
Pressed Steel	32/4 1/2	
P. & O. Def.	42/0*	
Pinchin Johnson	39/0	
Raleigh	83/6	
Rolls Royce	5 5/8	
Ruston & H.	49/6	
Siemens	36/0	
Sudan Plants	42/6	
Stewart & L.	55/0	
Thomas (R.)	13/4 1/2	+0/1 1/2
Tob. Sec. T.	4	
Tate & Lyle	73/6	
Triplex Glass	43/6	
Tube Investment	5 13/32	+1/13
Turner & N.	81/6*	
United Steel	26/1 1/2	
United South.	4 3/16	−1/16
Utd. Molasses	38/3	
Vickers	18/4 1/2	+0/1 1/2
Wall Paper Def.	44/0	
White Tomkin.	46/0	
Watney Def.	90/3	
Woolworth	66/6	+0/3

MINES

Ang.-Amer. Inv	47/0	
Ashanti	61/6	
Bibiani	29/3	
Blyvoor	6 1/4	
Brakpan	31/32	+1/32
Chartered	27/3	
Cons. Diamond	32/6	
Cons. Af. Sel.	21/4 1/2	
Cons. G.F.	3 13/32	+1/32
Crown	7 1/4	
Daggafontein	2 1/2	
De Beers	16 3/8	+1/8
East Dagga.	2 1/2	
East Geduld	9 3/8	
E. Rand Prop.	2 1/32	
Geduld	7 1/4	
Govt. Areas	1 19/32	
J'burg Cons.	3 3/8	
Langlaagte	7/6	
Libanon	24/4 1/2	−0/1 1/2
Luipaards	18/9	
Marievale	33/3	+0/3
Nigel Gold	2 5/16	
Roan	9/6	
Rhod. Ang. A.	15/6	+0/3
Rhodesian Sel.	11/6	
Rhokana	6 1/8	+1/8
Selection Trust	25/6	
Simmer & Jack	10/6	
Springs	15/3	
S.A. Land	2 7/8	
Spaarwater	8/9	
Venterspost	2	+1/32
Vereeniging	77/6	
Victoria Falls	90/0	+1/3
Vlakfontein	1 19/32	
Vogels'bult	27/0	
West Holding	2 5/32	
West Reefs	3 3/16	+1/32
West Springs	1 7/32	+1/32
West Wits	14 5/8	
Wr. Nigel	7/0	−0/1 1/2

OILS—RUBBERS

Anglo-Iranian	5 13/32	
Attock	67/6	
Burmah	4 5/32	+1/16
Can. Eagle	13/6	
Mex. Eagle	10/0	
Shell	4 1/8	+1/32
Trinidad Lease	4 1/2	
Do. Pet. Dev.	3 11/32	−1/32
Ultramar	77/0	
Anglo-Dutch	20/1 1/2	−0/1 1/2
Anglo-Malay	9/9	
Highlands	1	
Kuala Lumpur	1 1/4	
Malacca	16/9	
Malayalam	39/6	
Rubber Trust	24/9	−0/3
U. Sua Betong	36/3	
Utd. Serdang	2/4 1/2	

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Bonus.

COMPANY MEETING.

Irish Aluminium Company

AT the tenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Irish Aluminium Company, Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Kennedy, Crowley and Co., Westmoreland street, Dublin, yesterday, Mr. Sidney B. Minch, Chairman, said:—

It is very gratifying to find, after five years of world war, that we have been able to keep the factory at Nenagh working, in spite of great difficulties, but I will not elaborate on this, as I intend to make my remarks as brief as possible. One thing, however, I would like to say, and it is that we have done our share in giving much needed employment, and we have reason to be thankful that we were able to do so.

Turning to the report and accounts, we find a very satisfactory state of affairs. The percentage of profits of previous years has been maintained, and our balance-sheet shows the company in a very healthy condition.

We have provided for depreciation on the usual basis, and we have the substantial amount of £3,091 shown as net profit for the year, which is something of an achievement when one considers the difficult supply position which all manufacturers, particularly those engaged in metals, have had to contend with.

We carried forward from last year the sum of £2,712, to which is now added the profit for this year, and, after paying interim dividend on the 6¼ p.c. Preference shares and providing for taxation, there is an amount of £3,980 brought down. You will be asked to pass dividends on the Ordinary and Preference shares, and I am sure this will give you as much pleasure as it has given me.

During the year there was an acute shortage of material suitable for the products of Nenagh, and I take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the management, regret that we were unable to meet all the demands of our customers on that account.

The future position is not yet clear, but indications are that metal for commercial purposes will be released shortly, and your management is keeping in close touch with suppliers; and, I hope, protective tariffs will be maintained, as it would be difficult to operate in competition with the large concerns in England, who will start off with the latest in modern equipment.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I would like to express on my own behalf, and on yours, our thanks to the management and staff at Nenagh for their untiring zeal in the interests of your company.

It is my pleasant duty to propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Major T. F. Hazel, and passed unanimously. Mr. F. Flannery proposed that the final dividend on the 6¼ p.c. Cumulative Preference shares for the year ended September 30th, 1944, be paid. The proposal was seconded by Dr. J. P. Beddy, and adopted. Major T. F. Hazel proposed a dividend of 6¼ p.c. on the Ordinary shares for the year ending September 30th, 1944. Mr. R. H. Usher seconded, and the proposal was adopted.

Major Hazel then moved the re-election of Mr. R. H. Usher as a director, and the proposal was seconded by Mr. F. Flannery and adopted.

Dr. J. P. Beddy proposed that the remuneration of directors for the ensuing year be the sum of £450, free of income tax, and it was seconded by Mr. R. H. Usher and passed.

Dr. Beddy also proposed the re-election of Messrs Kennedy, Crowley and Co. as auditors for the ensuing year. The proposal was seconded by Major Hazel and passed. Dr. Beddy also proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Board of Directors.

General Improvement In Gilt-edged

The repayment of over £13,600,000 London County Council stock next April brought in buyers of Gilt-edged, with a general improvement of 1/16 to 1/8. Motor shares derived early impetus from the proposed tax change, but best prices were not held. A.E.C., at 75s. 6d., and Leyland, at 76s. 9d., were good features.

Prospects of opposition to the R. Thomas-Baldwins merger brought in buyers of R. Thomas, 1½d. up, at 13s. 4½d., after 13s. 6d., and sellers of Baldwins at 6s. 10½d., unchanged.

A late substantial buying order for A. C. Cossor found few shares available, and the price spurted quickly 2s. 3d. to 33s., bringing to life other Radio shares.

Yesterday's quick turn-round in the Industrial Market was said to be helped by a sound technical position, "stale bulls" having liquidated before Christmas.

THEATRES, CINEMA[S]
GAIETY Commencing D[...] Nightly 7.30. [...] T. R. ROYLE Present[s] "CINDERELLA" By HARRY O'DONOVA[N] WILFRID BRAMBELL [...] EITHNE DUNNE, JIM J[...] And Full Supporting C[...] Booking Daily, 10 a.m. to 9 GIFT TOKENS ON SALE AT [...]
OLYMPIA NIGHT[LY] 7.45 Saturday Next, 2 Performances, at LAST GREAT SEASONAL [...] "XMAS GREETIN[GS]" COMMENCING 26[TH] MATINEE 2.30, GRAND XMAS PANTOM[IME] "BABES IN THE W[OOD]" BOOK EARLY TO A[VOID] DISAPPOINTMEN[T] Box Office, 10.30-12.30, 1.30-6.
ABBEY NO PERFORMANCE THIS [...] NOW BOOKING FO[R] TUESDAY, DECEMBER [...] At 7.30 p.m. "PROFESSOR TI[M]" By GEORGE SHIELS. Box Office: 10.30 to 6.
GATE EDWARDS-MacLIAMM[OIR] PRESENT "PUNCHBOWL" A WINTER NIGHT['S] ENTERTAINMENT. OPENING ST. STEPHEN'S D[AY] Matinée 2.30. House Booked [...] Stephen's Night. Nightly at 7.30. Matinée Satur[day]
QUEEN'S ST. STEPHE[N'S] Doors Ope[n] The Grand Annual Pantomime, [...] Crusoe," by Ernie Murray. [...] 3 Separate Shows Daily. [...] can be booked, 2/6 each seat.
METROPOLE LOUIS HAYWARD, ALEXANDER DUMAS [...] "THE MAN IN THE [IRON] MASK."
METROPOLE BALL[ROOM] FESTIVITIES. DEC. 23, 26, 27, 28, [...] AFTERNOON DAN[CE] 3.30 to 6 o'c. DANCE ONLY 3/-.
ST. STEPHEN'S NI[GHT] MONKSTOWN R[...] F.C. DANCE, 9 to 2 o'c. Admission by Ticket Only.
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, 10 to 4.
CORINTHIAN Sidney Toler as Charlie C[han] "THE CHINESE CA[T]" Ken Maynard and Hoot G[ibson] "THE LAW RIDES AG[AIN]"
DE LUXE To-day and the Week fr[om] BING CROSBY—BARRY FIT[ZGERALD] "GOING MY WA[Y]" 3.25, 6.0, 8.35. Please Come to Early Sh[ows]
ASTORIA DUN LA[OGHAIRE] THE TECHNICOLOUR TR[...] "THE FOUR FEAT[HERS]"

PUBLIC NOTICES

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT [DE PAUL]. A FURTHER LIST OF SUBS[CRIPTIONS] FROM NOV. 4th TO NOV. [...] The Council of Dublin Co[...] mittee gratefully acknowledge re[...] following subscriptions in respo[nse to] Annual Appeal for funds:— [...] GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLE[DGED BY] THE HON. TREASURER, [...] COMMITTEE, 64 GRAFTO[N ST.,] DUBLIN. A FURTHER LIST [WILL BE] PUBLISHED WHEN SPACE AVAILABLE.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR IN[CURABLES]. A meeting of the Board of [Governors of] the Royal Hospital for Incurab[les was held] at the hospital on Tuesday [...] Board were read, confirmed, [...]

GOVERNMENT NO[TICES]. COIMISINEIRI NA nOIBREACHA POIBLIDHE (Commissioners of Public [Works]). CONTRACT FOR CHIMNEY [CLEANING]. [...] T. J. MORRIS, Runa[idhe]. Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblidhe (Office of Public Works), Baile Ath[a Cliath] (Dublin), 19th December, 1944. W 4998.

MAIL BOAT PI[ER]. DUN LAOGHAIRE HAR[BOUR]. THE COMMISSIONERS O[F PUBLIC] WORKS give notice that durin[g the period] 27th December, 1944, to 27th J[anuary, 1945,] inclusive, only members of the [public who] are travelling on the Mail Boat [will be] admitted to the Mail Boat [Pier ...] departure of steamers. T. J. MORR[IS]. OIFIG NA nOIBREACHA P[OIBLIDHE], BAILE ATHA CLIATH. 16adh NODLAIG, 1944. W4998.

EMERGENCY POWERS (FR[ESH BREAD]) ORDER, 1944 (TEMPORA[RY AMEND]MENT) ORDER, 194[4]. The Controller of Flour and [Bread] has made an Amending [Order ...] 20th December, 1944. W4998.

TENDERS (returnable 2nd [...]) invited for Group 54 (19[...]) of Books in Irish). Forms [...] be furnished on application. J. B. WHELEHAN, [...] Stationery Office, Dublin. 20th December, 1944. W 4998.

THEATRES, CINEMAS AND PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

GAIETY Commencing Dec. 26th. Nightly 7.30. Matinées:—Tues., 26th, Wednes., 27th, Satur., 30th, 2.30.
T. R. ROYLE Presents
"CINDERELLA."
By HARRY O'DONOVAN.
WILFRID BRAMBELL as "BUTTONS."
EIRE O'REILLY.
ETHNE DUNNE. JIM JONSON.
And Full Supporting Cast.
Booking Daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
GIFT TOKENS ON SALE AT THEATRE.

OLYMPIA NIGHTLY, 7.45.
Saturday Next, 2 Performances, at 6.40 & 9.
LAST GREAT SEASONAL REVUE,
"XMAS GREETINGS."
COMMENCING 26th,
MATINEE 2.30,
GRAND XMAS PANTOMIME,
"BABES IN THE WOOD."
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.
Box Office, 10.30-12.30, 1.30-6. Phone 22962.

ABBEY
NO PERFORMANCE THIS WEEK.
NOW BOOKING FOR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th,
At 7.30 p.m.
"PROFESSOR TIM,"
By GEORGE SHIELS.
Box Office: 10.30 to 6. Phone 74505.

GATE
EDWARDS-MacLIAMMOIR
PRESENT
"PUNCHBOWL."
A WINTER NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.
OPENING ST. STEPHEN'S DAY . . .
Matinée 2.30. House Booked out St. Stephen's Night.
Nightly at 7.30. Matinée Saturdays, 2.30.
Box Office .... Phone 74045.

QUEEN'S ST. STEPHEN'S DAY. Doors Open at 1.45.
The Grand Annual Pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe," by Ernie Murray. Please Note Times: Panto. at 2.40, 6, 8.40; Film at 2 o'c. and 5.30. 3 Separate Shows Daily. Dress Circle can be booked, 2/6 each seat.

METROPOLE 2.5. 4.20 6.40, 8.50
LOUIS HAYWARD, JOAN BENNETT, in
ALEXANDER DUMAS CLASSIC,
"THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK."

METROPOLE BALLROOM FESTIVITIES.
DEC. 23, 26, 27, 28, 30.
AFTERNOON DANCES,
3.30 to 6 o'c.
DANCE ONLY 3/-.
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT,
MONKSTOWN RUGBY F.C. DANCE,
9 to 2 o'c.
Admission by Ticket Only. Strictly Limited.
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DANCE,
10 to 4.

CORINTHIAN 2.46—5.0. 7.14—9.28.
Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan:
"THE CHINESE CAT."
Ken Maynard and Hoot Gibson:
"THE LAW RIDES AGAIN."

DE LUXE
To-day and the Week from 3,
BING CROSBY—BARRY FITZGERALD:
"GOING MY WAY."
3.25, 6.0, 8.35.
Please Come to Early Shows.

ASTORIA DUN LAOGHAIRE. At 3.40, 6.5, 8.35.
THE TECHNICOLOUR TRIUMPH,
"THE FOUR FEATHERS."
Thrills . . . Spectacle . . . & Adventure!

ROYAL Film at 3.15, 6.45. Panto. at 4, 7.30.
T. R. ROYLE Presents
The Pantomime In A Million!
"MOTHER GOOSE."
Written and Devised by DICK FORBES.
In Twelve Spectacular Scenes.
With an Augmented Cast of 100!
NOEL PURCELL as "MOTHER GOOSE."
Eddie Byrne, Jack Cruise, Michael Ripper, Maureen Harold, Robt. Hennessey, Iris Lawler, Alice Delgarno, Sean Mooney, Pauline Forbes, Ursula O'Riordan, Johnny Caross, Rita Conroy, Frankie Blowers, Grania O'Shannon, Mickey Reid, Twelve Royalettes, Royal Rockettes, The Pell Street Singers
And the Screen's Uproarious Comedy!
WILLIAM TRACY, JOE SAWYER, in
"YANKS AHOY."

DEFENCE SERVICES' ENTERTAINMENTS.
MILITARY MATINEE
For Officers and Men of the Army,
TO-DAY at 3.15 p.m.,
THEATRE ROYAL.
Sponsored by
JEWELLERY AND METAL MANUFACTURING CO. OF IRELAND, LTD., AND METAL REQUISITES, LTD., 37 LOWER KEVIN STREET, DUBLIN.
Community Singing from 2.55 p.m.
Public Admitted. Usual Prices.

REGAL ROOMS CINEMA. At 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9 o'c.
ANNE BAXTER in
"THE EVE OF ST. MARK."
To-morrow. Book Now for Sunday Night! Magnificent Xmas Attraction!
TYRONE POWER ALICE FAYE
DON AMECHE in
"IN OLD CHICAGO."

SAVOY TO-DAY, at 2.0, 4.13, 6.26, 8.39.
Eric PORTMAN, Sheila SIM, Sgt. John SWEET, Dennis PRICE.
"A CANTERBURY TALE."
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY)—BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!
THE MARX BROTHERS,
ALAN JONES,
In the Marx-men's Greatest Hit!
'A NIGHT AT THE OPERA.'
Guest Organist: NORMAN METCALFE.
Children, look what we are giving you for Christmas!
MATINEES TO-DAY AND ALL THIS WEEK AT 12 NOON.
(Doors Open at 11.15.)
Donald Duck and all the Disney Favourites.
NOEL "SANTA CLAUS" PURCELL. A. GORDON SPICER AT THE ORGAN.
Admission: Children 4d.; Adults 1/-.

CAPITOL DAILY 2.30 to 10.45.
JOEL McCREA : BETTY FIELD,
In Preston Sturges' Amazing Romance,
"THE GREAT MOMENT."
Showing at 3.53, 6.38, 9.23,
Also the Technicolour Gem,
"CARIBBEAN ROMANCE."
On the Stage at 2.47, 5.32, 8.17:
Maurice Keary, Marie Paul, Etc.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY):
MARIA MONTEZ : JON HALL,
TURHAN BEY,
In the Treasure House in Technicolour,
"ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES."
On the Stage:
"MANY HAPPY RETURNS,"
With
Martin Crosbie, Maurice Keary, O'Keeffe Brothers and Annette, Mike Nolan, Jean Tonge, Fred Doyle, The Capitol Girls, Roy Croft, The Capitol Orchestra.

CARLTON At 2 o'c., 4.30, 7 o'c., 9.30.
Last Day: "Lady in the Death House." Vic Oliver—"Give Us the Moon."
TO-MORROW (Book for Sunday Night) BASIL RATHBONE
As Conan Doyle's Famous Sleuth, in
"THE SCARLET CLAW."
Latest "Sherlock Holmes" Thriller!
Extra: "FRATERNALLY YOURS."
Laurel and Hardy at their funniest.

GRAFTON NOTE! NEXT WEEK First Performance 2 o'c.
RETAINED NEXT WEEK.
The Ideal Holiday Programme.
TOMMY KELLY—JACKIE MORAN in
"THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER."
Mark Twain's Great Story, in Technicolour.
Book Now for Sunday Night.

ADELPHI At 2 o'c., 4.12, 6.24, 8.36.
FREDRIC MARCH, ALEXIS SMITH In
"THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN."
"Life story and love story are treated with delicacy and taste . . . congratulations to the Brothers Warner—honour where honour is due."—*Irish Press.*
Coming Friday:
BETTE DAVIS : MIRIAM HOPKINS in
"OLD ACQUAINTANCE."
Opening at 12 noon on St. Stephen's Day.

ASTOR LAST DAY OF
"LADY HAMILTON."
At 2.0, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
FLANAGAN AND ALLEN
IN
"THEATRE ROYAL."

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE. At 4.10, 6.30 & 8.50 p.m.
GINGER ROGERS, in
"TENDER COMRADE."
With Robert Ryan, Ruth Hussey.

REGENT BLACKROCK. At 4.15, 6.35, 8.55.
Donald O'Connor—Susanna Foster:
"TOP MAN."
Also "ARIZONA TRAIL."

GRAND CENTRAL Cont. 2.30
Brian Aherne, Carole Lombard.
A. J. CRONIN'S
"VIGIL IN THE NIGHT"
At 2.36, 4.42, 6.48, 8.54.

GREEN Last Day Disney's "Dumbo." 2.30, 4.45, 7.0, 9.15. Also "Saint Strikes Back." Fri.—Fernand Gravet: "Romance is Sacred." Also Rudy Vallee, Hugh Herbert: "The Gay Impostors."

JURY'S HOTEL & RESTAURANT, COLLEGE GN., DUBLIN.
Luncheons, Dinners, Suppers.
Grill Room. Cocktail Bar.
YOU SHOULD STAY AT JURY'S.

CHURCH NOTICES.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
"THE MESSIAH."
(PART I).
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 7.30 p.m.,
and
SUNDAY NEXT, 3.30 o'clock.
The Cathedral doors will be open at 7 and 3 o'clock, respectively.
Collections for the poor.

FOR LEGAL NOTICE SEE PAGE 4.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.
A FURTHER LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM NOV. 4th TO NOV. 9th, 1944.
The Council of Dublin Collection Committee gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions in response to their Annual Appeal for funds:—
£100 from—Messrs. Irish Shipping, Ltd.
£25 each from—The Dublin Shirt and Collar Co., Ltd.; Messrs. Payantake, Ltd.; Anonymous.
£20 from—Messrs. Callanan and Co., Ltd.
£10 10/- each from—Madame Nora, Ltd.; the Gresham Hotel Co., Ltd.; Messrs. Dublin Artisans' Dwellings Co., Ltd.
£10 each from—Dr. Frank Lavery; Messrs. McCann, Ltd.; Anonymous; Miss Florence Bagger.
£5 5/- each from—The Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation; the Irish Drug Association.
£5 each from—Messrs. Lynams, Ltd.; D. J. O'Donovan, Esq.; Mrs. Lilian Miller; D. Kennedy, Esq., L.R.C.P., and F.S.I.; Mrs. J. Bennett; Anonymous; Anonymous; Friend of the Poor; Anonymous; Ml. Greene, Esq.; Thomas Geoghegan, Esq.; Joseph Finegan, Esq.; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mitchell.
£4 each from—R. A. O'Brien, Esq.; Miss M. L. Vernon.
£3 each from—Messrs. Joshua Watson and Co., Ltd.; the Leeson Private Hospital, Ltd.; Mrs. Mai Dwyer, C. Collins, Esq.; J. P. M.
£2 from—Anonymous.
£2 each from—Mrs. Mina P. Reidy; the National Spa Hydro (Lucan), Ltd.; Maurice Baum, Esq.; the Merchants' Warehousing Co., Ltd.; Wellwisher; J. C. W. Esq.; Esq.; David and Mrs. M. Goodman; the Royal Dublin Golf Club; Messrs. Hogg and Robertson, Ltd.; Anonymous, Mt. Merrion.
£1 from—William Kelly, Esq.; Miss Harper, M.B., Rathgar; A. Tennyson Esq.; Anonymous; J. J. Whelan, Esq.; Dublin Typographical Benevolent Society; Daniel Savage, Esq.; Anonymous; A Wellwisher; Sean O'Reilly, Esq.; James [illegible].
£1 from—J. F. MacErlean, Esq.; [illegible], Esq.; Messrs. Martin and [illegible] Insurance.
[illegible] J. Burke, Esq.
[illegible] from—J. J. Purcell, Esq.; [illegible] avenue; Mrs. E. M. Gill; [illegible] Esq.; the Irish Nurses' [illegible]; the Bohemian Football Club; [illegible] R. N. A. Leslie, Esq.; Sean [illegible]; Bernard Hughes, Esq.; "E."; [illegible] and Colonial Stores; [illegible] Shelbourne; W. Mayhowe; [illegible] J. W. Harris; Anonymous; [illegible] Esq.; Evelyn, Rathgar; [illegible] Anonymous, per J. Keyes, [illegible] O'Keefe, Esq.; E. P. Kelly, [illegible] O'Brien, Esq.; Mrs. Doyle; [illegible] Anonymous; Miss M. C. [illegible] Anonymous; Sorca T. Rogers; [illegible] Guinane.
[illegible] from—Mrs. Margaret A. Atock; [illegible] soul of Patrick O'Connor, [illegible] Messrs. Little and McLean, Ltd.; [illegible] White and Co., Ltd.; Anonymous; [illegible] Kerrigan, Esq.; In honour of [illegible] of the Cross and St. Gabriel.
[illegible] from—Miss M. Cameron; Mrs. [illegible] Grateful; Mrs. M. A. Regan; A Friend.
[illegible] Anonymous.
[illegible] Patrick Glennon, Esq.
FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE HON. TREASURER, COLLECTION COMMITTEE, 64 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN. A FURTHER LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED WHEN SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.
A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables was held at the hospital on Tuesday morning, 19th inst. Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C., presiding; 254 Governors attended and voted. The proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read, confirmed, and signed.
Payments reported, and the following were elected Life Governors:—Mrs. Cantwell, qualifying her son, Brian J. Cantwell, Esq., £21; Sandford Parish Church (Women's Fellowship), £63, qualifying Mrs. Weber Smyth, George H. Grice, Esq.; Sidney A. Bedlow; Anonymous, £21, qualifying Miss Mary Butler; Executors of Miss E. Tomblinson, nominating Dr. Victor M. Synge.
The election of patients was then proceeded with. Eleven names appeared on the printed list, and the following were duly elected:—Hannah Heenan, Martha McBride, Henrietta Watters, Laura Harding.
The sum of £21 qualifies for Life Governorship and a donation of £5 5s. for Annual Governorship. Contributions (however small) will be gratefully received by Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer), or by the Registrar at the hospital.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

COIMISINEIRI NA nOIBREACHA POIBLIDHE
(Commissioners of Public Works).
CONTRACT FOR CHIMNEY CLEANING.
Sealed Tenders addressed to the Secretary will be received up to, but not later than, 12 o'clock noon, on the 12th January, 1945, for Chimney Cleaning at the Establishments in charge of the Commissioners in Dublin and District for a period of one year from 11th February, 1945. Tenders will be considered for one or more of the Dublin Districts.
A Form of Tender, with Conditions of Contract and List of Establishments, may be obtained on application to this Office.
The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.
T. J. MORRIS, Runai (Secretary).
Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblidhe (Office of Public Works), Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin), 19th December, 1944.
W 4998. W.H.Co.

MAIL BOAT PIER.
DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR.
THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS give notice that during the period 27th December, 1944, to 27th January, 1945, inclusive, only members of the public who are travelling on the Mail Boats, will be admitted to the Mail Boat Pier for the departure of steamers.
T. J. MORRIS, Rúnaí.
OIFIG NA nOIBREACHA POIBLIDHE,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
16adh NODLAIG, 1944.
W4998 W.H.Co.

EMERGENCY POWERS (FRESH BREAD) ORDER, 1944 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1944.
The Controller of Flour and Bread Supplies has made an Amending Order entitled Emergency Powers (Fresh Bread) Order, 1944 (Temporary Amendment) Order, 1944, which has the effect of suspending the operation of the main Order on Friday and Saturday, 22nd and 23rd December, 1944.
Department of Supplies, Dublin.
20th December, 1944.
W4998 W.H.Co.

TENDERS (returnable 2nd proximo) are invited for Group 54 (1945) (printing of Books in Irish). Forms of tender will be furnished on application.
J. B. WHELEHAN, Controller,
Stationery Office, Dublin.
20th December, 1944.
W4998 W.H.Co.

IRISH WILLS

Richard Bartholomew Edward Doyle, Kellystown, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, £6,026 (gross in Eire); Anthony Keogh-Nolan, St. Lawrence road, Clontarf, late Secretary, General Council of County Councils, £6,364 (gross in Eire); Patrick Loughrey, Elley, Rathmullen, Donegal, £5,128 (gross in Eire); Miss Mary Logan, Cabra road, Dublin, £1,593 (gross in Eire); William Gordon, Rathmagloy, Roscommon (labourer), £1,392 (gross in Eire); Miss Selina Blanche Gresson, Queensboro', Drogheda, £1,262 (gross in Eire).

William Edmond Kelly, Dungarvan, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, £4,050 (Britain); Mr. William Henry Mosse, Dunedin, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny, £33,429 (Britain); Miss Ellen Lowe, 6 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, £5,037 (Britain); Patrick Joseph Whelan, 43 Eglinton road, Donnybrook, Dublin, and 204 Pearse street, Dublin, late managing director of Associated Picture Houses, Ltd., £99,665 (Britain).

Joseph Kane, 29 Rosmeen Park, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, £2,999 (Britain); William Cooper Dickson, 16 Knockdene Park Belfast, £2,126 (Britain).

WEDDING

McCann—McCann — The wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, of Mr. Arthur McCann, eldest son of the late John H. McCann, Stalleen, Donore, Co. Meath, and Miss Alice Annette McCann, twin daughter of the late Mathew McCann, Ballimacrad, Dowth, Co. Meath. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. L. Sheehan, P.P., Monkstown, assisted by the Very Rev. M. Conlan, P.P., Athboy. The bride, who was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Finola Hanrahan, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Roderick Macaulay. The best man was Mr. Geoffrey McCann.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1944.

"WHERE DELOS ROSE"

In one respect yesterday's debate in the British House of Commons on the Greek situation was disappointing. The Prime Minister did not speak. Earlier in the day, Mr. Churchill, in answer to a question concerning Greece, declared that there was entire agreement between Britain, Russia and the United States upon the general aims which bound the Alliance, and expressed the hope that "complete and effective co-operation" would go on in all aspects of the war. The debate on the adjournment, which related solely to the Greek problem, was wound up by Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary. It had been started by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, a former Minister, who spoke on behalf of the Labour Party. Mr. Greenwood insisted that when military power should have exercised its force in the present war, victory finally would be determined by spiritual values, and declared that Greece provided a test case. There can be no doubt at all that public opinion in Great Britain, as well as throughout the British Commonwealth and the United States of America, has been gravely exercised during recent weeks as a result of events in Greece. The British entered Greek territory in the capacity of liberators. They were welcomed warmly by the population, which has a traditional friendship with Great Britain; and it was felt generally that a new era had dawned for Hellas. It must not be forgotten that the Greeks have had no really representative Government for almost nine years. Ever since the last war—and even during that historic conflict—Greece had been subject to political upheavals of greater or less violence. These controversies, for most practical purposes, had centred round the Monarchy, which never was particularly popular since the days of the famous King Constantine (or, more familiarly, "Tino"); and it was King George, now an exile in England, who was blamed widely for the establishment of General Metaxas's dictatorship some years before the present war. On the other hand, even the most severe critics of the Monarchy are willing to admit that the army and people of Greece put up a magnificent fight against Italy at a time when all the odds seemed to be against them. In the nature of things, the resistance movement tended to assume a "Leftist" complexion. King and Government alike were forced to leave the country, and the men who stayed behind, bearing the heat and burden of the day, fought against the invaders without any thought of party loyalties. Some of them might be described as extreme Conservatives, others as equally extreme Communists; but the forces of resistance had a common aim, which was to free Greece from foreign domination. Then the British arrived. General Scobie, who was appointed as Commander-in-Chief, had two immediate tasks. One was to feed the people, whose economic plight was appalling; the other was to maintain, or rather to restore, law and order throughout the country. He found that, in fact, Greece was controlled by the Left wing groups, represented by the so-called E.A.M., whose fighting branch is entitled E.L.A.S. There also were Right wing elements—the E.D.E.S.—and General Scobie soon discovered that a great gulf was fixed between these organisations.

The principal charge against the British Government in respect of Greece is that General Scobie, acting under orders from London, has taken sides in a purely domestic quarrel. He announced that he was incorporating the "Mountain Brigade" and the "Sacred Battalion"—both Right Wing formations—into the regular army, while at the same time he called upon the E.L.A.S. to lay down its arms. It must be remembered that General Scobie is first and foremost a soldier who has no interest in the complexities of Greek politics. He was given a certain job to do; and he has been doing it to the best of his ability. It has become obvious, however, that the British troops in Greece have been placed in a highly invidious position. They find themselves to-day fighting bitterly against the very people whom they came to liberate from a foreign yoke. Since the fighting broke out in Athens and the Piræus, various attempts have been made to bring about some kind of settlement; but so far they all have failed. Apparently the E.A.M. is convinced that the British Government is trying by force of arms to reimpose the Greek Monarchy upon a people that is unwilling to accept it. King George is still in England, where he has remained, according to Mr. Eden, on the advice of Mr. Winston Churchill and his Foreign Secretary. Yet it is alleged that His Majesty has been in touch with his supporters in Athens, and that this fact has exacerbated political feeling throughout Greece. The proposal was made some days ago that a Regency should be established under the head of the Greek Church, who announced that if general consent could be obtained he would be prepared to undertake this responsible and onerous task. Several members of Parliament questioned Mr. Eden closely on this point during yesterday's debate; but the attitude of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom remains obscure. The whole business is most unfortunate. Mr. Arthur Greenwood attributed most of the blame for the Greek tragedy—for it is nothing less—to the Prime Minister himself. He affirmed that Greece provided a test case of British policy and that the situation had not been handled by Mr. Churchill as it ought to have been handled. From the point of view of European and world politics, the present situation hardly could be worse. After years of gallant struggle large numbers of the Greek people find themselves in bloody conflict with the army of a nation to which they are attached by ancient ties of history and of sentiment. There can be little if any doubt that the Monarchy is not popular in Greece. It is almost equally certain that the Greek people, by nature and tradition, are not Communists in the generally accepted sense of the term. They are a peace-loving, albeit hardy, nation, with a strongly developed passion for independence. Their friendship is essential to Great Britain inasmuch as it virtually guarantees British supremacy in the Eastern Mediterranean. For that reason, yesterday's debate in the House of Commons will do little to assuage the misgivings which have been making themselves manifest throughout the British Commonwealth since the beginning of the disturbances in Athens.

Pantomime

The pantomime season is back again. Within the next week Cinderella, Robinson Crusoe, the Babes in the Wood and Mother Goose will emerge from the cloistered seclusion of the nursery to the boards of the principal Dublin theatres; and there they will stay—or so their producers hope—until Christmas is long forgotten and the children are out searching for shamrock for St. Patrick's Day. One familiar figure will be missing this year. Mr. Jimmy O'Dea has been seriously ill—happily, he is now on the way to recovery—and his place will be taken by the equally diminutive but less widely-known Mr. Wilfrid Brambell. Apart from this notable difference, the "panto" season will be much the same as last year's—much the same, indeed, as every season within living memory. The whole charm of the pantomime is that it does not change. There are the mysterious conventions which are essential to it—the "principal boy" who is always a girl, the "dame" who is always a red-nosed male comedian, the wicked baron and the brokers' men. There is the small, unalterable stock of stories, on which the changes are rung from year to year—Aladdin and Cinderella, Robinson Crusoe and Dick Whittington. Occasionally, some courageous author has ventured to manufacture an entirely new plot, but such innovations meet with no lasting success. Within the framework of the original story limitless variations are permitted; the writer may put his money on romance, spectacle or comedy, or he may play for safety with a blend of all three. To add variety, additional "turns"—anything from a one-man band to a troop of performing elephants—are thrown in. Finally, a dozen songs are chosen from the range of current "hits," and dotted like currants at regular intervals through the mixture; and the show is ready for the grand opening on St. Stephen's Day. It is all the same as before—but it is all different, too; and he would be a poor specimen who would quarrel with the glorious tradition of pantomime.

VISCOUNTESS SUIRDALE has arrived in Dublin from England, and is staying at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Lady McFarland, who was staying in the Shelbourne Hotel last week, has left Dublin.

Captain and Mrs. R. Smythe have arrived in Dublin from Gaybrook, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, and are staying at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo are staying at Windgates, Celbridge.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Robert White, Corps of Engineers, and Millicent, elder daughter of Thomas and Mrs. Manahan, Ennis road, Limerick. The marriage will take place at the end of January.

The engagement is announced between Edward Gordon, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Fennell, Crossneen House, Carlow, and Florence Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Russell, Holmlea, Newtown, Waterford.

Dr. Patrick Dwyer Joyce has left 11 Merrion square for ten days.

Mr. Arthur Chance has left 90 Merrion square for eight days.

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The Ward Hunt Ball will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Friday, 29th December.

Juvenile Dance, N.S.P.C.C., Friday, 22nd December, Gresham Hotel, 3-6.

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NORTHERN EDUCATION

OBJECTION TO "LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE" CLAUSES

(CONCLUSION)

By Our Special Correspondent.

ONE of the powers of the management committee is to select from the applicants for every vacancy on the teaching staff three candidates, from whom—save in exceptional circumstances — the regional education committee must make the final selection. The White Paper proposes to alter this arrangement, which, it says, has led to "widespread abuses." In other words, management committees have often chosen a candidate because he was a Presbyterian (or a Methodist, or a member of the Church of Ireland), or because he came from the locality, or because he was related to somebody, and rejected a teacher with better qualifications. Some clergy are violently opposed to a change in this system of appointment, and say that it will destroy democratic interest in the schools. Others believe that the Ministry itself, an impartial body, should make all appointments.

The proposal to alter the requirements of the 1930 Act concerning Bible instruction has already called forth some public comment. So far, the Joint Committee on Education of the churches has not met to consider the matter; but it is believed that this issue principally led to the break-down of negotiations between the Ministry and the churches when the White Paper was being drafted, and further battles must be expected. Sir William Allen, Sovereign Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter, and the Rev. Professor Robert Corkey, ex-Minister of Education, have expressed themselves strongly against the "liberty of conscience" clauses. The White Paper proposes "a definite requirement that religious instruction shall be given in every primary and secondary school, and that the school day shall begin with collective worship on the part of the pupils." In another clause, however, it is laid down that "the liberty of conscience of an individual teacher . . . . should be appropriately safeguarded."

These two sections, it is claimed, are contradictory. A teacher may not be required to give religious instruction. In a two-teacher school, both may claim exemption, and there will be nobody to give the instruction; in any case, it will be no teacher's definite duty to do so in any school, or even to continue to do so when once he has started.

MINISTER FORCED

The critics agree with Professor Corkey's statement that "no one should be compelled to give religious instruction who has conscientious convictions that such instruction should not be given." They claim, however, that, even under the existing arrangements, nobody has been compelled to go against his conscience. Applicants for positions as teachers are asked by committees: "Will you give religious instruction?" and they are quite at liberty to refuse. It must be added that, if they do refuse, they are most unlikely to be appointed; so that for some the choice lies between teaching against their conscience and not teaching at all.

The Minister declares that he is forced to introduce the liberty of conscience clause, whether he likes it or not, by the Government of Ireland Act, 1921, which expressly forbids the enactment of a law that will directly or indirectly penalise anybody for his religious convictions. The Opposition maintains that, under the same Act, he is debarred from interfering with the practice of religion; therefore, since religious instruction was given in the schools since 1833, he is obliged to continue.

It must be said that, to an outsider, there is no fundamental contradiction in the White Paper; and there seems to be no reason why religious instruction should not be made compulsory in the schools without interfering with the teachers' liberty of conscience. In practice, it is believed that only a tiny fraction of the teachers will claim exemption, and that where no teacher is prepared to give religious instruction, the Ministry will have an implied obligation under the Act to pay somebody to come in specially for the purpose. What is more, certain well-informed people say that the Ministry actually proposes to take this course where the need arises.

One may mention, too, that many Protestant clergy are solidly with the Minister on all the proposals relating to religious instruction. Some, however, say that the White Paper intends to cast aside the guarantees under which the Protestant schools were transferred; and they prefer a 1930 Act in the hand to any number of new proposals in the bush.

NOT CLARIFIED

All that has been said relates to the primary schools, but in most cases the same conditions apply to the proposed junior secondary schools. Senior secondary schools will continue under the same system of management as at present, but they will have to reserve 80 per cent. of their places for pupils who pass the Government's qualifying examination. Fees will continue to be paid, either by the child's parents or, when necessary, by the Government.

Some questions still remain to be answered. What, for instance, happens to the young Catholic when he reaches the age of 11, at which age he should proceed to a junior secondary school? Will special junior secondary schools for Catholics have to be established? Or will the child have to stay on at the elementary school, which, since he cannot leave until the age of 15, will then have to find accommodation for him for an extra year? The answer is not clear from the White Paper. One waits with interest for the Minister's statement.

POOR CHILDREN ASKED TO CLEAN SCHOOLS

A resolution from the Meath County Council requesting the Government to introduce legislation "to provide adequate funds for the sanitation, cleansing, repair and renovation of national schools," with a view to rendering the school medical service more effective, was defeated at a meeting of the General Council of County Councils, held in Dublin yesterday.

Mr. P. Byrne (Kildare) said that badly clothed and badly fed children were being asked to remain in school after hours to clean the buildings, and if that was not child labour, he did not know what child labour was. One way of increasing tuberculosis, he said, was to compel young children to come into badly-ventilated schools and sweep them.

Alderman R. Corish, T.D. (Wexford) said that he thought that, if the resolution was implemented by the Government, it would assist the managers.

Mr. T. Condon (Meath) said that the imputation in the resolution was that the managers were indifferent to the conditions in the schools. The managers had, in fact, the deepest concern for the children under their control.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Wexford) said that any parish that refused to put up 50 per cent. of the cost of its school improvements was neglecting its duties.

Senator M. Hearne (Longford) said that a similar resolution had been passed by the I.N.T.O., but later the Catholic Managers' Association had described it as a direct interference with clerical management.

Mr. E. Ahern, Dungourney, Castlequarter, Co. Cork, was elected as the Council's representative on the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, by 19 votes to 12.

Senator J. T. McGee (Louth) presided.

OBITUARY

MR. H. S. MANDEVILLE

Mr. Henry S. Mandeville, 21 Lower Pembroke street, who died yesterday, had been associated with the firm of Messrs. Battersby and Co., auctioneers, for nearly 50 years. Member of a family which had been traditionally associated with seafaring, Mr. Mandeville was the son of a captain in the Royal Navy. After being educated at Blackrock College, he went to South Africa, and, having spent some years there, returned to Dublin and joined Battersby's. A brother of his, Thomas Mandeville, a Captain in the Irish Army, was killed at the Four Courts in the Civil War. Mr. Mandeville was very well known in Dublin business circles.

THE SUN.	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.39	9.40
Sets	5. 8	5. 9
Lighting-up time	5.38	5.39

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	4.20	5.25
Evening	4.35	5.39

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INLAND FISHERIES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—I have read with interest the article by your angling correspondent on the control of inland fisheries. At the annual meeting last week of the Board of Conservators of Ireland I protested strongly against the neglect of these fisheries by the responsible department, and I thoroughly agree that a Central Board should be set up to take control of all the inland fisheries. In fact, a country such as ours, where fishing could become one of the greatest national assets, should have a separate Minister for Fisheries.

If the control were taken over by the Tourist Board, they would need to have an advisory committee, consisting of experts on the rearing and preservation of trout and salmon, as well as a business expert or two who would advise on the best means of running the industry at a profit, giving tourists and native fishermen the best possible value for their money.

If, however, the suggested board had not a free hand in the matter of spending money, or was bound up with the usual red tape, it would be useless and had better never be formed.

Were such a board set up, I would remind those on it that for many years in this country private individuals and fishing clubs run by local sportsmen in the various districts have carried the burden of fish propagation and preservation, without any Government grants in most cases, and for the pure love of the sport. The advice of all these clubs and individuals should be asked, as they are most conversant with local conditions, and, in view of their long record of service to the country, every consideration should be given to their interests.

I am not prepared to agree with the criticism of Boards of Conservators, as I believe that were it not for the work of these boards there would be very little salmon fishing left in this country. It is not the fault of the boards that they collect an additional 10s. licence fee for every district fished. It is the fault of the Department, which allows such niggardly amounts per annum for the protection of the rivers.

We will take the Dublin district, for example, as I am conversant with the facts here. The main river in Dublin district is, of course, the Liffey, which covers 82 miles before it reaches the sea. There is also its tributary, the Rye Water, in which salmon and sea trout run. Another well known sea trout river is the Broadmeadow at Swords, and there is also the Dargle at Bray, in its lower reaches a good salmon and sea trout river. Consider these four rivers, without taking into account the numerous small ones and the many large lakes and reservoirs. The Dublin Board of Conservators gets a small grant from the Department. It also gets any fines collected in its district for breaches of the fishing laws, and the revenue for rod and net licences. In no year does the total revenue exceed £650. When we see that the Dublin Board has to control about 150 miles of main rivers on this amount, it is easy to see why our fisheries are declining. The Board employs four full-time water-keepers. None of these men is paid what I consider a living wage; yet they are experts, and must know the haunts and habits of fish, together with all things appertaining to our rivers. These men, however, cannot do the impossible; it would require at least fifteen men to do the work successfully in the Dublin district.

I think it is now time that all sportsmen in the country got together and made some effort to have our sporting industry put on a sound basis.

We must not forget that our shooting men pay about £50,000 per annum in licence fees. Yet, although the Department of Lands controls almost unlimited shooting land in the country, none of this money is spent on the preservation of game. It all goes into the general fund which pays a dole to men to stay idle. Would it not be much better to give them healthy jobs in the open air?—Yours, etc.,

T. D. SMYTH.

Dunamase, Navan road, Dublin,
December 19th, 1944.

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Cruiskeen Lawn

By Myles na gCopaleen

COME a little bit closer—I'm not allowed to shout.

I've had a little pow-wow with my doctor. It appears that I must take it easy for the next few years. Smokes and drinks are out, no more late nights . . . *and no irritation.* He tells me that with care I should last five years; otherwise . . . . (Here, I'm sorry to say, he shrugged). I am taking you into my confidence for various reasons. Please do not express any sympathy, and you, madam, I appreciate the tribute of your tears but am prepared to forego that levy without a qualm. I am taking you into my confidence because, without your loyal co-operation, it would not be possible for me to carry out my plans as thoroughly as I could wish. I know that I can rely on you to play your part in the future as you have done in the past. What I have to ask will probably appear modest but to me it means . . . a lot. Certain preliminaries I have already carried out. The Editor of this newspaper, summoned from his bed in the early hours of the morning, was rushed to my house in Santry in several powerful motorcars, and at my bedside was informed of the various measures which must be taken before this situation can be eased. The details need not concern you; suffice it that agreement was reached on all points at issue and that the policy of this paper is now under revision in the light of my stipulations. It is recognised that certain changes in lay-out, typography, colour and . . . matter are inevitable and may involve hardships. The paper will have to be printed in yellow. (My eyes). Only the best type of news will be tolerated—Tommy Coyne has promised to help here. Above all, the expression of violent opinions, the airing of controversial matters, the exposition of unilateral attitudes, reports of ugly law cases—all that must cease. This is where you can help. *You will have to stop writing letters.* I simply cannot stand it—my head will go. You have been asked repeatedly not to do it, time and again you have promised to be good and now the whole question is being considered by a committee of my friends. Only the other day we had this: ". . . . and the greatest tragedy of all is the spectacle of rural deputies, the elected representatives of the people, hypnotised into the belief that Dublin is Ireland. . ." Now I will *not* have rural deputies mentioned in this journal. And *where* is Ireland? I have never heard of it before and I have lived nearly all my life in Dublin. It cannot ever be mentioned again unless accompanied by ample explanations. (Pause. Suddenly spots something else. Terrible frown. Slowly raises eyes.) *What is this?* Which of you wrote this? Who has dared to criticise my . . . work? What is the meaning of this sentence: "Nevertheless, many authorities consider the juxtaposition of the curved facade of the Bank of Ireland to the flat front of Trinity College as one of the architectural triumphs of Dublin." (Fearful chill has descended.) Is the Corporation one of the 'many authorities?' Does the Corporation admire the incredible bottleneck created by the juxtaposition of these two monstrous heaps of stage masonry? Has it authorised Trinity to let the front in flats? What relationship, other than that of fortuitous propinquity, does the Bank's screen wall, with its hollow declamatory style, bear to the deadpan flats across the road? Why was there a last-minute effort to 'reconcile' this violent mess by giving Trinity a 'reciprocal' curve of stone and railings, notwithstanding the blood-pressure of people who have to use this thoroughfare? Do these 'authorities' discern 'architectural triumph' in the mysterious move made by the National Bank some months ago when it had its neck washed, leaving untouched the rest of its sacred grime? Is the college greenhouse newly-erected by the National City Bank another 'triumph?'

What an utterly impertinent and foolish letter! No more, please, I beg of you. (Taps heart.) My doctor will not be answerable. I must lie down.

BROADCASTING

IRISH PROGRAMME

NEWS at 1.40, 6.45, 10.0 (Nuacht) and 10.10 p.m.

1.0—Orchestra. 1.45-2.30—Concert. 6.0—The Fourth Joyful Mystery: "The Presentation." 7.0—Last Minute Christmas Recipes. 7.30—Orchestra. 8.0—Talk by Monk Gibbon. 8.15 — "Music Room": Eileen Clancy (soprano), Victor Love (piano), Norman Myers (baritone). 9.0—Christmas Greetings to Relatives and Friends in Ireland from Residents in Italy. 9.30—"Round the Fire." 10.30—Irish Red Cross Half-hour.

B.B.C. HOME SERVICE

203.5m., 391.1m., 449.1m., 48.54m.
NEWS at 7 and 8 a.m.; 1, 6 and 9 p.m., and 12 midnight.

7.15—Exercises. 7.30—Weber. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts!" 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.20—Palm Court Orchestra. 9.0—"Song and Dance." 9.45—Piano Music. 10.0—"Bandsman's Choice." 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Swing Sextet." 11.15—Soviet Music. 12.0—Jay Wilbur and his Orchestra. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.15—"Northern Stars." 1.40—"In Britain To-day." 2.0—Music From Russia. 2.40—Theatre Organ. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—"Season of Snows." 4.15—"The Dansant." 5.0—Welsh. 5.20—Children. 6.15—Talk. 6.30—"Getting Things Done." 7.0—Farming To-day. 7.25—Soviet Music. 8.30—"Itma." 9.30—"Appointment With Fear." 10.0—Prayers. 10.15—The Life and Poetry of Edward Young. 10.30—Beethoven: Kreutzer Sonata. 11.5—Geraldo.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

296.1m., 342.1m.
NEWS at 7 a.m., 12 noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m.
NEWS HEADLINES at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 9.15, 9.58 and 10.58 p.m.

6.30—"Record Album." 7.15—"Morning Star." 7.30—Music in the Morning. 8.2—Bob Hope. 8.30—Purcell. 9.20—"Showtime." 9.35—Theatre Organ. 10.2—Band. 10.30—Scottish Half-Hour. 11.10—Service. 11.15—Joe Loss. 12.15—Northern Orchestra. 1.2—Mozart. 1.30—"Country Magazine." 2.10—"The Burma Front." 2.20—Variety Orchestra. 3.2—"Radio Newsreel." 3.15—Request Records. 4.15—War Review. 4.25—Country Dances. 5.0—Light Music. 5.5—South African News. 5.15—Dance Music. 5.30—"Strike a Home Note." 6.15—"Here's Wishing You Well Again." 7.0—Questions Answered. 7.30—It's Up To You." 8.15—Scottish Orchestra. 9.0—"Accent on Rhythm." 9.15—Navy Mixture. 10.0—"Record Variety." 10.30—Music While You Work.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR TO SING "THE MESSIAH"

The choir of Christ Church Cathedral will sing to-morrow Part I of Handel's "The Messiah," at 7.30 o'clock, and on Sunday, at 3.30 o'clock. The soloists will include:—Mr. T. Harris Watson, Mr. F. Cowle, Mr. Robert McCullagh, Mr. W. R. Maddison and Mr. W. J. Rafter.

The Cathedral will be open to all, and its doors will be open half an hour before each Service. The collections will be on behalf of the poor of the city. The illuminated Christmas Tree has been placed in the transept, at the foot of which gifts of food, clothing and money may be placed for the poor of the city.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — 10, Matins. 8 and 11, H.C. in the Lady Chapel. 4, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—10.45, Matins. 11.15, H.C. in the Lady Chapel. 3, Evensong.
ST. ANN'S, Dawson Street.—8 and 11.30, H.C.
CHRIST CHURCH, Taney.—8, H.C. 10, M.P.
ST. THOMAS'S, Mount Merrion.—11, H.C. 8.15, Advent Service, with Address.
ST. STEPHEN'S, Upper Mount Street.—7.30 and 11, H.C. 10, Matins. 5.30, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH, Leeson Park.—8.30, H.C. 9.45, M.P.
ST. MARK'S.—8 p.m., Rev. R. N. Craig.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—8 and 11, H.C. 10.30, Matins. 5, Evensong.
THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson Street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—10.30, H.C.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

LAST night, after dark, I was seen in the Father Mathew Hall, up behind the Four Courts, behaving well and watching what should prove to be my final pantomime rehearsal. (There are going to be very few incidents in any of the present crop of pantomimes that will come as much of a shock to this particular department.)

This is an amateur show. Every one of the players works in a shop, factory or office about the city during the day time, and then becomes a singer, a dancer or a comic by night. They do it, almost incredibly, for pleasure.

There is this difference between the professional and amateur rehearsal. The professional actor is ordinarily in such a ferment of rage with the producer that he has no time to be nervous. The amateur actor, on the other hand, is just nervous, and shows no desire to be angry with anybody.

When I arrived last night Margaret O'Donnell, the principal boy, was playing a scene with May Shudall, the principal girl. They wore their ordinary clothes. Their hands were in the pockets of their overcoats—an inevitable gesture with ladies wearing overcoats during a rehearsal. They exchanged the usual dialogue—"And, pray, where have you come from, fair sir?" "Ah, my pretty miss, that I cannot tell you, but 'twas far away"—and so on. Both ladies were hard put to it to keep a straight face. They dissolved into restrained, but perceptible, giggling on meeting the eye of any member of the audience.

Soldier and Worker

Of the two, Miss O'Donnell was the more assured; but she has been appearing regularly on the amateur stage for nearly five years. She is small and dark, with a nicely pert snub-nose. She sings in a throaty voice that is in the direct line of the traditional music-hall soubrette. Only the opposition of the home circle keeps Miss O'Donnell off the professional stage.

The rehearsal room filled up. (Last night, carpenters were still building sets all over the stage.) The utmost confusion now developed. (In the same connection I might say that this pantomime is called "Mother Goose.") At one end of the room a number of ladies practised a dance routine with slightly set expressions, to the sound of a piano. At the other, three comics—Tom Duffy, Jack McCarthy and Teddy Aherne—roared at one another, to make their lines audible above the din. Duffy is a soldier. He wore uniform. McCarthy is a labourer. He wore his working clothes.

I had a word with another McCarthy—Dan—who plays the Goose. He was bemoaning the fact that goose-skin made for his part had been upholstered with hen-feathers, giving a curious dappled effect.

When I left, the ladies of the chorus were rotating in an anxious circle, counting "*One* two three four. . . ."

But out of such tribulations in the Father Mathew Hall there comes a great pantomime every Christmas.

Finale

It remains now to note that "The Babes in the Wood" will open on Monday at the Olympia Theatre. This company has already presented the pantomime in Belfast. Frank O'Donovan, Patty Ryan, Vi Kaye, and Albert Sharpe are the principals. The babes will be the Doyle Sisters.

There are several speciality turns, including a miniature circus, a Shadowgraph Theatre, and Cyclo and Page.

The Bernadette Hall, true to its tradition, has invented a pantomime of its own called "The Banshee in the Abbey," the story of two hikers imprisoned by a ghost in a ruined castle.

The players include Brendan McShane, Nancy Buckley, Jim O'Toole, and many more.

I am genuinely sad that I could not see these two in rehearsal. At the same time I am glad that a year must pass before I again join the charwomen in the front row of the stalls. The work becomes a little tiring.

Merciful Hour!

Fairy Chess, did you say? We've certainly stumbled over something in the matter of Fairy Chess. The Rev. G. J. Boucher, of the Rectory, Kanturk, Co. Cork, has produced four typewritten pages on the subject that enshrine some of the most glorious confusion that has ever come my way.

Mr. Boucher is honest about it. He says: "First of all, I must make it clear that Fairy Chess is an extension of the Chess Problem Art. It is not a game. Geometry, naturally, plays a large part. I can only hope that I shall not be too prolix, for I assure you that what I am about to write is only the barest outline. The limits of Fairy Chess are the limits of the human mind."

It seems that in Fairy Chess there is more to the work than White merely mating the Black King in so many moves. There is Fairy Checkmate—the actual capture of the opponent's King. There is selfmate, in which White commits suicide, a kind of losing game, like Misere. There are Reflex Mates, Blackcap and Madcap Zig-zags, and the Maximummer, "in which one side or both," according to Mr. Boucher, "are restricted to their geometrically longest moves."

I Can't Stand It

This terrible diversion not only contains the Madcap Zig-zag, but is also studded with a number of new men. There are Empresses, Princesses, and the Joker, which assumes the powers of the last-moved opponent's man. There are Neutrals, which can be played by either player; Leapers and the Root 50 Leaper. Mr. Boucher says that he thinks of the Root 50 Leaper as a Leprechaun, which is about what I do myself. The Root 50 Leaper owes his existence to the fact that $50 = 7^2 + 1^2$, and also equals $5^2 + 5^2$—why, is Mr. Boucher's and the Leaper's business.

You might think I was making this up; but there are Camelriders and Girafferiders, Rookhoppers and Bishoppers, Wazirs, Fers, Alfils, Locusts, Holocausts, Maos and Paos, and the Zebra.

We have long since reached the limits of the human mind, but the game can be played on cylindrical boards, in which the pieces move round and round; on cubed boards, and on straight lines of squares extended to infinity. Mr. Boucher, quite calmly, says he has heard of a four-dimensional board, but so far has not actually seen one.

I think, after Christmas, we might have a problem in Fairy Chess. There will be no prize, because in all probability the Rev. G. J. Boucher, of the Rectory, Kanturk, will be the only entrant.

QUIDNUNC.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON.
Wednesday Night.

THE HON. DANIEL GILES SULLIVAN, New Zealand Cabinet Minister, who has been winning all hearts here during his visit, told me this evening that he has planned to visit Dublin next week. The actual time depends on the transport position. The son of Florence Sullivan, an Irish emigrant, he looks much younger than his sixty-two years. He began his working life as an apprentice to a French polisher, and before he was eighteen had travelled to Europe and America. He has been a life-long member of the Labour movement in New Zealand, and has been three times Mayor of Christchurch, where he lives in Sullivan avenue, which was named in his honour. He has been M.P. for Avon, Christchurch, since 1919. He is an ex-President of the United Furniture Traders' Federation of New Zealand and of the New Zealand Federation of Labour. He is now Minister for Industry and Commerce, and also for Supply and Munitions, and Scientific and Industrial Research.

Shortage of Kapok

To get a kapok pillow in London to-day is next to impossible. Kapok is one of the materials which will remain very sc[illegible] while the Dutch East Indies are occupied. To most people this light vegetable floss is just stuffing for mattresses and chairs, to be considered in competition with wool, horse hair and metal springs, but several new uses for it have been found during wartime. In its natural state it is a waterproof, shockproof and insect-proof, protective wrapping for the seed of a tree growing in a number of hot countries, including Ceylon, Indo-china and the Philippines, but the best qualities come from Java. Kapok has six times the buoyancy of Cork and supports more than twenty times its own weight of water. Hence its use in lifebelts and life-saving apparatus.

Renowned Art Firm

The art firm of Duveen has lost another of its pillars by the death of Mr. Edward Joseph Duveen, younger brother of the late Lord Duveen, whose assets at his death in 1939 were in the neighbourhood of a million pounds. Mr. E. J. Duveen had almost as much business acumen as his brother, and also combined the assurance of the impresario with the suavity of the diplomatist. The Duveens were the first dealers to grasp the full potentialities of the American market, and to realise that an extra nought or so added to the price of a picture made little or no difference to an American collector. But Lord Duveen's favourite artist, ironically enough, was one whose best works do not often come into the market—Turner. He was a constant visitor to the Turner Room at the Tate Gallery—which was built by his father, who came to England from Holland in 1866—and used to stand for hours in front of Turner's "Bridge and Tower."



BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS

BAGNALL—December 12, 1944, at the Leinster Nursing Home, to Madge, wife of Phillip Bagnall, 25 Rowan Park avenue, Blackrock, a son.

ROCHE—December 15, 1944, at Harcourt Nursing Home, Dublin, to Monica (*née* Shannon), wife of Bernard Roche, Loughbrown Lodge, The Curragh, a daughter.

STRAHAN—December 16, 1944, at Stella Maris Nursing Home, to Sheelah, wife of Charles J. Strahan, 54 Whitebeam road, Clonskeagh, a son.

WARDLE—December, 1944, to Gertie (*née* Salter), wife of P. J. Wardle, India, a daughter. (By cable).

DEATHS

CHRISTIE—December 20, 1944 (suddenly), at Kilfenora, Temple Gardens, Dublin, Keith, loving husband of Irene, and younger son of the late R. W. Christie. Funeral arriving Dean's Grange, 10 o'clock, to-morrow (Friday). No flowers, by request.

DUFF-ROONEY—December 19, 1944, at her residence, 34 Northumberland avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Lillian (*née* Troy), beloved wife of Matthew Rooney. Deeply regretted by her husband, son, mother and family. R.I.P. Australian papers please copy.

HEWSON—October 5, 1944, at Calgary, Alberta, John A., fourth son of the late George J. Hewson, M.A., F.R.S.A.I., Hollywood, Adare, Co. Limerick, in his 78th year.

LAWLER—December 18, 1944, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Edward P. Lawler (late E.S.B.), eldest son of the late P. Lawler, Hollybank road, Drumcondra, and grandson of the late Thomas Eccles, of Eccles Hotel, Glengarriff, Co. Cork, and brother of Mrs. Keating, Cabra, Moynalty, Kells, Co. Meath. Funeral took place yesterday (Wednesday) to St. George's Cemetery, Whitworth road.

McCREERY (Sallins)—December 19, 1944, at Naas Hospital, Annie McCreery. Deeply regretted by her beloved husband, Robert, and daughter, Dot. Remains will be removed to-day (Thursday) to St. Michael's Church, Millicent, at 3 o'clock. Interment to-morrow (Friday) at 3 o'clock.

MANDEVILLE—December 20, 1944, at a Dublin hospital, Henry S. Mandeville, late of 21 Lower Pembroke street and Battersby and Co. R.I.P.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found in Page 3.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DONNELLY—The Misses Donnelly, of Raheny, wish to return thanks to all kind friends who sent messages of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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Signed—SEAN CONNELL, Secretary.
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Form II—A—Eleanor Hutchinson, Hazel Campbell, G. Ruth Cooper.
Form III—C—Eunice M. Caves, Catriona S. O'Neill, Audrey M. Marcus and for Violin, Joan D. Falconer for Pianoforte.
Form III—B—June Carr, Eileen M. Whitla.
Form III—A—Grace F. Pollock, Joan E. Stewart, Grace P. Maguire, Audrey L. Browne for Violin.
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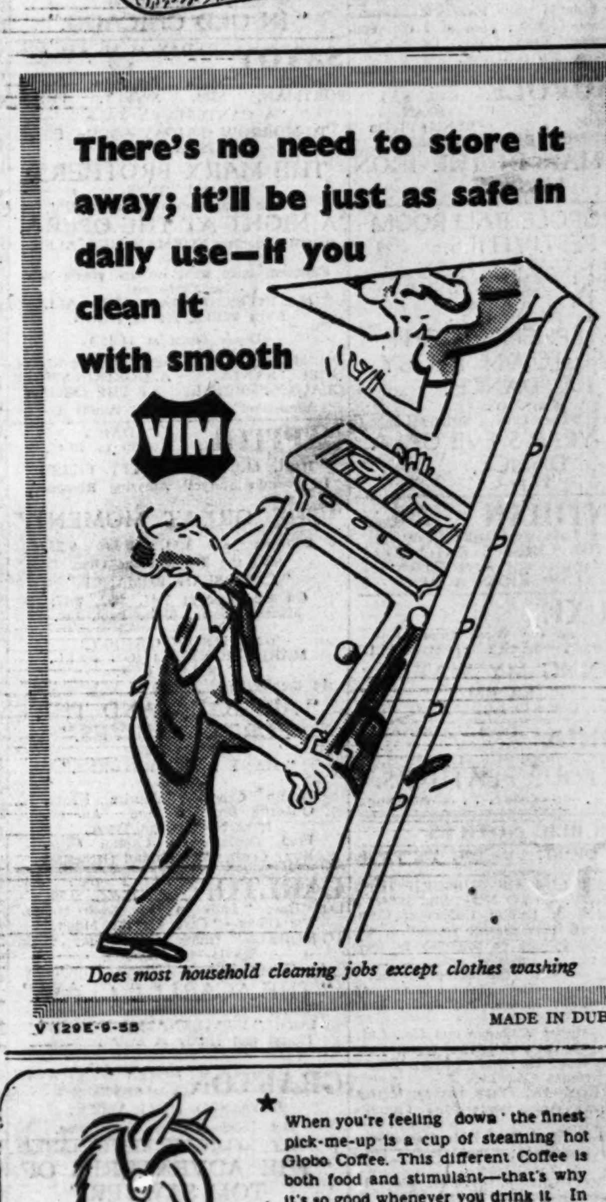
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GERM[…]

A Gamble By German Army, Says Stimson

MR. HENRY STIMSON, [...] Secretary for War, sta[...] yesterday in Washington that [...] Germans had chosen to gam[...] many divisions rather than wait [...] the inevitable end of the W[...] Europe battle.

"We have no information [...] for a well-founded estimate of [...] situation on the west front," he [...] "but the Germans are appare[...] making an all-out effort to halt [...] American advance to the Col[...] plain.

"The Germans appear to [...] accepted the hazard involved [...] such an effort, which, if it fails [...] them, will definitely shorten [...] war. The German High Comm[...] must also be prepared to me[...] Russian winter offensive, whe[...] it may strike.

"Under all these circumsta[...] the Nazi régime has not a [...] deal to lose and might gain a[...] months' extension of time b[...] being called to account for [...] misery they have inflicted on [...] world."

Mr. Stimson, recalling his [...] Great War experiences at Ar[...] tières and the second battle o[...] Marne, said: "It seemed as i[...] German drives would never ha[...] if they had unlimited strength [...] in face of the counter-thrust [...] the Americans the German [...] shrivelled up like a toy balloo[...] "What I have said is not u[...] sonable in connection with [...] present German drive."—(Reu[...]

Full Offen[…] By Ger[…]

BRITISH tanks climbed hi[...] the monastery-topped [...] bettus Mountain yesterday [...] strafed E.L.A.S. snipers [...] scattered rebel concentratio[...] areas north of the British-he[...] fence lines, as General S[...] G.O.C., Greece, launched hi[...] offensive against the E.L.A.S.[...]

This followed a warning b[...] General to the citizens of the [...] tal that as from yesterday [...] ing, he might be compelled to [...] and bomb the E.L.A.S. gun[...] tions in built-up areas.

Rocket-firing aircraft were [...] ployed concurrently with the [...] which also found targets in [...] around the Averoff Prison are[...] the Military Academy to the [...] west.

The 1935-1940 age grou[...] the liberated areas of Athe[...] Piræus, Phaleron, Perams[...] Clyphada have been called [...] military service.

There is no new develo[...] following the report that [...] bishop Damaskinos, Metro[...] of Athens and Archbish[...] Greece, had been approache[...] had agreed to become Reg[...] Greece.

Mr. Harold MacMillan, [...] Resident Minister in the [...] East, has returned to Athen[...] a brief trip to Italy.

"MUTINY"

Cries of "Monstrous" inte[...] Lord Faringdon, a Labou[...] when, in the British Ho[...] Lords yesterday, he referred [...] possibility of "mutiny" [...] British forces in Greece. [...] Samuel and Viscount Cr[...] deprecated the suggestion, a[...] Southwood dissociated the [...] Party from it.

In his reply, Lord C[...] denied that the Athens [...] started the trouble by ope[...] on a peaceful procession. [...] is an absolute travesty of th[...] he said. "Our evidence [...] support the contention [...] police were responsible, b[...] that the crowd had already [...] handled the police and [...] several of them before a[...] were fired."

Lord Faringdon, who ini[...]

